

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
January 23, 2015

Dates to Remember:

January 22, 2015 – City Commission Workshop

January 26, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- The Growth Management and Facilities Policy Liaison with the Office of Educational Facilities, Florida Department of Education, has responded with our first set of comments regarding the separate Public School Facilities Element in the proposed amendment package for the Comprehensive Plan. LaRue Planning will be working closely on removing any inconsistencies with the adopted school concurrency policies.
- Harry Pepper & Associates have started the site work for the replacement of culvert #2 at the Dike. There will be three (3) office/construction trailers placed for the duration of the project.
- FEMA has sent us our Letter of Final Determination for our flood hazard in our community. The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Clewiston will become effective on July 6, 2015.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The Ray-O-Vac Tournament is underway and running smoothly. Most fishermen have been in town since last weekend, and officers have worked overtime filling out the security shifts all week.
- Go karts, golf carts and four-wheelers have become a nuisance on the North side of town, generating repetitive complaints by home owners and motorists. There will be no more warnings. Anyone old enough to possess a driver's license will be charged. Anyone younger will risk their parent/guardian being charged.
- The backgrounds on three new police officer applicants have been completed. We are now awaiting only drug screen and physical results. Hopefully, all three will begin work within the next two weeks.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1355** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 525** Complaints Investigated
 - 13** Arrests Made
 - 18** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 23** Warnings Issued
 - 5** Code Enforcement Cases Opened
 - 70** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 11** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Staff is scheduled to meet with the contractor the first part of February to review last year's operation and develop this year's plan of attack. Staff has been spraying at the boat basin and around the marinas this week.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff trimmed the Date Palms and the Sylvesters on west Ventura this week. (2) Staff checked and repaired irrigation on US27 and will be preparing the ground to replant the material between the palms. (3) Staff power washed the JBA last week.
- 2015 Paving project: Weekley Asphalt has completed the paving portion of the project and the striping is scheduled next.
- Pasadena Project: Funding has been procured and a project number assigned by the DOT. When the agreement between the City and the DOT is sent and executed we can get started on construction plans for the project. Sean has been in contact with City Engineer Tommy Perry to discuss the project and his availability for plans.
- Public Works Director Scheffler will be in Orlando next week getting the required CEUs for his Public Health license. This license is required for the City to have a mosquito control program.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The FLW Tour is in town this weekend! The John Boy Auditorium hosted the registration and meeting Wednesday night for 500 anglers and the FLW staff. Weigh-ins will be Thursday and Friday at 3:00 p.m. at Roland Martin's Marina and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart.
- CHS hosted the FHSAA Boys District Soccer Championship on Cane Field this week and the Recreation Dept. set-up and maintained the field throughout the week and the last month of their season.
- AYSO Soccer competed in the State games last weekend in Wellington. The U-10- boys placed 2nd in their group, the U-10 girls placed 3rd in their group and won the Sportsmanship Trophy. The U-12 boys placed 3rd in their group and the U-14 boys won their group and were narrowly defeated in the State Championship Semi-Finals.
- Clewiston Recreation and East Hendry County Recreations "Inaugural" K-6 Basketball League" ended their season this week. The teams enjoyed an end of the season trophy presentation, complete with hot dogs, chips and drinks after their games.
- The Sports Complex staff has been busy laying clay, edging, trimming, building pitching mounds, and pressure washing buildings, dugouts, bleachers and walkways on the Big Quad and field #1 in preparation for the upcoming CHS baseball & softball seasons.
- CHS Lady Tiger Softball's "Annual" Pre-Season Classic will take place at Sugarland Sports Complex on field #8 on the Big Quad January 29th and 30th at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. both nights. Make plans to come out and support the ladies next week. GO TIGERS!
- The Sports Complex staff will begin breaking down soccer fields at Sugarland Sports Complex next week. Cleaning, repairing and storing goals and nets and repairing goalie boxes on the field. They will also take a set of goals and nets to the CMS and set them up and mark the field for the "CMS Club Soccer Team".

- Registrations are open for the upcoming 2015 Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball seasons. Uniforms are also available to try-on at the Youth Center. You can register on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call 983-1492 for assistance.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center at 983-1492.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- The Electric crew is completing the 3-phase line build for the Corp of Engineers' contractors at the Lake.
- The Water/Sewer crew is installing a new water line for the Corp contractors also. They also repaired a sewer line problem on S. Berner Rd. The fire hydrants on Laurel Street and Cypress Avenue are scheduled to be replaced.
- The Electric Crew has installed poles at the intersection of N. Francisco and Concordia to display banners. We plan on setting poles at the Welcome to Clewiston signs on the East and West ends of town for banner display. We will no longer display them across US Highway 27.