

***For Your Information***

***Weekly***

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

May 10, 2019

**A Public Reception to meet and greet the final candidates for the City of Clewiston City Manager position will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, 109 Central Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. The public is invited to attend.**

**The Clewiston City Commission will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission chambers for public interviews of each of the final candidates for the City Manager position.**

**Dates to Remember**

May 14, 2019 – Special Magistrate Hearing

May 16, 2019 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

May 16, 2019 – City Manager Candidate Meet & Greet Reception – Clewiston Chamber of Commerce

May 17, 2019 – Special City Commission Meeting

May 20, 2019 – City Commission Workshop and Meeting

May 27, 2019 – Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed

**Staff Reports**

**Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:**

- Code Cases Opened: 15
- Case Re-inspections: 9
- Notice of Violations: 16
- Notice of Hearings: 0
- Code Cases Resolved: 11
- Code lien search requests completed: 3
- Rental Inspections Completed: 2
- Next Scheduled Magistrate Hearing: May 14, 2019, a total of 18 cases have been set on the agenda.

**Hurricane Season June 1 until November 30**

**Remove or enclose in a building all Openly Stored Items on Your Property  
before a Storm is Named**

## City of Clewiston Ordinance

### Sec. 18-246. - Sanitation requirements.

(d) *Care of premises.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of a residential building, structure, or property to utilize the premises of such residential property for the **open storage** of any abandoned motor vehicle or appliance, icebox, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items. It shall be the duty and responsibility of every such owner and occupant to keep the premises of such residential property clean and to remove from the premises all such abandoned items as listed in this subsection, including, but not limited to, weeds, dead trees, trash, garbage, etc., upon notice pursuant to this division.

#### Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- ***If you have any recreational needs or questions, please drop by City Hall from 8:00am to 5:00pm or call 863-983-1484.***
- **NOTICE: Residents offering debris for pick up must make sure nothing is longer than six feet. The Transfer Station will no longer take material longer than that. Drivers have been instructed to “Yellow Tag” debris that needs to be cut shorter.**
- **Mosquito Control:** All mosquito trap counts are below 50. Please call 863-983-1471 for your mosquito complaints.
- **Street Division:** (1) Shellrock was added behind the Elks Lodge for drainage improvement. (2) Staff checked low lying areas for drainage repairs. (3) Staff helped the Police Department move furniture to new location. (4) Staff made mowing passes on areas not covered by contractors throughout the City. (5) Staff has been out patching potholes.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Staff made repairs to the fire exit signs at Sikes Park. (2) Opening day repairs (plumbing, pressure washing and wall repairs) are being made to the C.S. Mott Pool. (3) Staff is making needed repairs to the Youth Center in preparation for summer camp. (4) Staff made repairs to window blinds at the John Boy Auditorium.
- **NOTE from Public Works:** Hurricane season is around the corner. May is Tree Trimming Amnesty Month. **You must call the office at 983-1471 and get pre-approved to get the “Special Pick-Up” fee waived.**

#### Golf Course Director Robbie Rush reports:

- The Clewiston Tiger Booster Spring Fling Golf Scramble Tournament is scheduled for May 11, 2019.
- Wilbur’s Unforgettable Classic Annual Golf Tournament will be take place on June 1, 2019. Sign-up is in the golf shop.
- Summer memberships went into effect on May 1, 2019. You can purchase them in the golf shop.
- Beginning June 3, 2019, the Golf Course will be closed on Mondays for the summer.

#### Police Chief Aaron Angell reports:

- The following is a brief synopsis of activity over the course of the past week.
  - Officers made a total of 5 arrests
  - Officers responded to 334 Calls for service (Includes officer-initiated activity)
  - We responded to and investigated 12 traffic crashes
  - We conducted 89 business and 54 residential security checks

- Average officer response time to calls for service, 00:01:09
- We are still noticing an increase in the number of vehicle burglaries being reported. A review of the incidents reported revealed that in all cases the vehicle had been left unlocked and valuables had been left in the vehicle. We would like to remind everyone that vehicle burglary is quite often a crime of opportunity, and that, by taking just a few moments to remove all valuables from your vehicle and locking your car, you make your vehicle a less attractive target to a burglar. In addition to these precautionary measures, parking your vehicle in a well-lighted area has also proven to be a deterrent to criminals, as many vehicle burglaries occur at night. Quite often burglars will surveil an area they intend to target. We would ask that if you notice anything unusual please contact the Clewiston Police Department so that we may investigate. A simple phone call can quite often make all the difference.

#### **Utilities Director Danny Williams reports:**

- **Electric Crew Activities**
  - Repaired and replaced street light fixtures throughout town;
  - removed vegetation from power lines;
  - installed underground service in Orchard Park;
  - set new distribution poles on W.C Owen;
  - repaired lights on driving range at golf course;
  - installed banner for hospital week;
  - ran services to new underground cable on Del Monte Ave.;
  - replaced transformer.
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities**
  - Repaired Lift Stations at fairgrounds and San Benito St.;
  - repaired waterline break on W.C. Owen Ave.;
  - changed water meter for customer on East Circle Dr.
- **Customer Service Department**
  - We offer several bill paying options; please visit or call the office at 983-1454 if you'd like to learn more!
  - **Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911).** This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.
  - 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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
  - **Don't forget to sign up for your meter based surge protection!** Visit our office today.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:**

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.**
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.**
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.**

**If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.**