City Administrator's Report

To: Mayor Alexander & City Council

CC: Staff

From: R. Scott Dixon, City Administrator

Date: August 15, 2025

Re: City Administrator's Report



Mayor and Council,

The following items are listed in no particular order. If there is anything that you would like an update on that you do not see listed or you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me.

WWTP Pond Closure

No Change. The final approval that the City was waiting on from TCEQ in order to move forward with the closure of the east pond was granted in an email from the TCEQ on June 18th. Staff will work with Councilman King to develop the project scope, details, and timeframe. Staff anticipates this work to begin in late summer, early Fall once the Geneva Drainage project has been completed.

Geneva Drainage Channel

Per council direction at the August 12th meeting, staff will reach out to Mr. Hancock to request that his fence be relocated out of the city's right-of-way. Staff will also confirm that a minimum of an 11 foot driving lane is available on the west side of the project area as discussed. We will do our best to provide the 12 to 14 feet that was originally discussed with the Dybowskys. We will NOT remove trees or relocate the channel to the eastern edge per the direction that was received.

Garza Creek Drainage Project

Staff has met with one of the owners along the channel and is working to set up appointments with the others to secure the necessary easement to perform the proposed channel improvements.

CPSE Dispute

The mayor recently met the CEO of CPS, Mr. Rudy Garza and has proposed a sit down meeting in Castroville to discuss the ongoing dispute items. Staff will work with Schneider Engineering and our legal consultant to ensure the Mayor and City Administrator are prepared for that meeting. No date for the proposed meeting with CPS has been set yet.

Community Center at Regional Park

NO CHANGE. The community center project continues to make progress. The walls and roof are up, dry-in should take place in the next few weeks. The project is on schedule to be completed by mid January.

Lion's Park Splash Pad

NO CHANGE. Unfortunately, the Lion's Park Splash pad is out of commission until further notice. Staff has provided a brief report of the timeline and identified issues related to the splash pad. Although the installation was completed per the manufacturer's (Vortex) specifications, the ongoing drought has proven to be too much and caused catastrophic failure. The entire installation will need to be removed and replaced. Staff is working with councilman King to review the warranty and proposed repair work.

County Streets Plan

NO CHANGE. A copy of the chip seal overlay projects that have been proposed to Medina County has been included with this report. Staff has discussed these projects with Judge Lutz and Commissioner Sittre. The next step will be to draft an Interlocal agreement for approval by both the city council and county commission.

Streets Improvement Plan

NO CHANGE. Staff is in the process of developing a street improvement and maintenance plan. This plan will be shared at a future meeting for council's input and direction.

AA+ S&P Rating

Staff is pleased to inform council that the city's AA+ credit rating with S&P was confirmed following a brief interview with Standard & Poor representatives and the city's financial advisors, Samco Capital. Please see attached letter from S&P.

There is a lot going on in the City of Castroville! If I have left anything out of this report, it was not intentional. If there is anything else that is of particular concern to you, please let me know so that I can include it on a future report. As always, my door is open should you have need to speak with me. It is my pleasure to serve the people of Castroville.

Thank you,

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R. Scott Dixon, MPA

City Administrator, Castroville, TX