



**Date:** May 14, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Council Members of the City of Rollingwood

**From:** Amber Lewis, City Administrator

**Subject:** City Administrator's Report

Financials – Highlights of the financials through the month of March 2021:

- As of March 31, 2021, 58% of the Fiscal Year has passed.
- Property taxes collected were up 9% from the amount collected in the same period in FY 19-20.
- Sales taxes collected were 89% of what was collected in the same period in FY 19-20.
- The Water Fund balance is currently at \$434,643. The General Fund balance is at \$1,936,087.

Things have been really busy around City Hall this month, largely due to both our Incode Implementation and our switch to Crossroads. We have had Randy Hollar in the office, whom you will remember the City Council approved a contract to assist with Incode implementation services last month. He and Sharon have been hard at work getting setting up our new financial and utility billing software with Ashley, Abel and myself supporting when available. AWR officially revoked access to our old utility software on May 12<sup>th</sup>, so we are looking forward to having the new software all set up. Payments have been coming in to City Hall.

We have been meeting with Crossroads regularly and believe that the transition is going smoothly. We are also nearing completion on the valve, manhole, GPS and mapping project by M.E. Simpson.

Budget season will be starting here soon. We have a budget calendar coming to you for your approval this month and will begin budget preparation in the coming weeks.

We gained access to the FEMA Grants Portal and were able to successfully submit our application for assistance due to the winter storm. We have made a request for \$71,250, which will provide reimbursement for the contractor, repairs to the fieldhouse, and wages.

Dale Murphy with K. Friese has been researching the potential future water source issue that was identified by Wendi. He spoke with the LCRA Water Supply Contracts group. The reason that the plan shows Rollingwood having its own water supply is because Austin wants to demonstrate that they have more water available. Also, because the demand is so small for Rollingwood and that is included in the Water Plan, that they didn't think there was a reason for the city to do anything in advance of the notice from Austin. LCRA doesn't envision a scenario where Rollingwood would be left without the ability to secure raw water supply through an LCRA Firm Water Contract if/when Austin asks Rollingwood to secure their own raw supply allotment. Theoretically, nothing is guaranteed on that front, but he didn't foresee an issue. He also asked about the cost of acquiring your own Firm Raw Water Contract with LCRA, and it is \$145/acre-ft/year for used water, and \$72.50/acre-ft/year for water that is under contract but

isn't used. He estimates we need approximately 400 acre-feet, so that cost would be in the \$58,000/year range going forward. He also stated that if the city would like to secure our own firm contract, he anticipates that Austin might be willing to negotiate the costs to take out the raw water supply portion that is built in to the rates. But, he is not certain if the city would be able to recoup some or all of that contract cost. His recommendation is that the city doesn't need to do anything currently, but keep an eye on this over the coming years to decide when it's time to negotiate the city's own contract.

As always, I am available by email and cell phone, 512-647-0637. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



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