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## CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The following City Administrator's Report, while respectfully submitted to the Mayor and City Council, is provided and available to the general public to inform them of the status of City projects and activities. This report, as well as the monthly department reports, is placed on the City's website.

I would like to thank Mayor Pro-Temp Ray Minor and Councilmember Kathy Silva for their seven years of service. Thank you for your time, dedication and commitment, each of you has served to make our city a better place.

For the month of November:

- The Preliminary 2020 Budget and budget message was completed and filed with the Deputy Clerk. Some of the capital projects included in the 2020 budget:
  - \$200,000 will help with repairs needed for the pool, but it doesn't address all of the recommendations made by the pool consultant. With the help of Council, Park & Recreation Board, and the citizens of Connell, we will need to work together to address the future of the swimming pool.
  - \$300,000 has been allocated for the Community Center parking lot.
  - \$1,470,000 low interest loan will provide the funds needed for the Country Estates/Striker new lift station project.
  - \$400,000 has been earmarked for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave/Franklin waterline project.
- Held monthly department head meeting.
- Along with Deputy Clerk Ortiz, met with representatives from United Way regarding grant funds they received to help with Census 2020.
- Along with the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Temp, Public Works Director, Deputy City Clerk, and Deputy Treasurer, met with the State Auditors for our Exit Conference for the City's 2016, 2017, 2018 audit. I appreciate the work Deputy Treasurer Bernal and Deputy Clerk Ortiz but in to make our audit as smooth as possible. There were no findings, nor any management letter items!
- Railroad Interchange Project: We received the news that BNSF would not be making a capitol contribution to the Interchange Project, we also heard from WSDOT that in response to I-976 Governor Inslee directed WSDOT to postpone projects not yet underway, our Rail Interchange Project is one that got postponed.
- Along with Mayor Barrow and Chief Turner, met with Teamsters representative for union negotiations.
- Until next year, wishing you a joyous Holiday season and best wishes for the coming year!