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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.

Here is what I have been working on since our last meeting:

- Along with Mayor Blackwell and Chief Turner, met with Teamsters representatives to discuss the new Teamsters contract. I believe progress is being made hopefully we will have a proposal to Council for approval this month.
- Along with Mayor Blackwell, attending a Tree Committee meeting. Three different tree types were selected for replacing trees on Columbia Avenue that have been designated to be removed this year. Work is progressing for the Arbor Day Celebration on April 29th at 10:00 am at the City Fire Hall.

The City has received official notice that our application to become a Tree City has been approved. A presentation to the City will be made at the Arbor Day Celebration. Connell is officially a Tree City USA!

- Along with PW Director Turner and Building/Clerk Joyner, met with representatives from NFSD in regards to the bus garage expansion.
- Provided information on the AWC Center for Quality Communities scholarship to the Connell High School. Applications are due March 9th. Students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact the Connell High School or may contact me directly at City Hall.
- Along with PW Director Turner, Chief Schulte, and Supervisor Brown, attended an After Action Review related to the flood.
- Requested Cost Benefit Analysis proposals for the Connell Rail Interchange project.
- Held a debriefing with Paul Baumer of Dept Of Transportation in regards to the Fastlane/Tiger grant submitted in 2016 for the Connell Rail Interchange project. Mr. Baumer provided information on the areas that needed improvement and encouraged the City to keep working on our grant application. Dates for the next round of submittals have not been set.
- Connell University:
 - March 20, 2017 – Police Chief Chris Turner – *Every move you make, every step you take, I'll be watching you...*
 - May 15, 2017 - Public Works Director Larry Turner
 - July 17, 2017 – City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya

- There is still a vacancy on the Board for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission provides essential review and recommendations on planning-related matters to the City Council. This is a volunteer position and meets on an “as-needed” basis. This is a great opportunity to provide input to help make Connell a better place. Anyone interested in serving on the Board may write a letter addressed to the Mayor.
- In anticipation of opening the City pool this summer, City Staff would like to encourage certified lifeguards who are interested in working for the City of Connell to contact City Hall. Those interested in guarding, but not currently certified, may request to be put on a list to be notified of upcoming training.