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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 for the last month:

- Participated in training for new budget season
- Along with Mayor Barrow and Public Works Staff, met with Congressman Newhouse in regards to the Esquatzel Coulee and the Connell Rail Interchange Project.
- Attended LambWeston's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Attended the City Managers Annual Conference.
- Met with Port of Pasco, Meier Architecture Engineering, and community members to discuss Welcome Center. If all goes well, it is possible that the project may go out to bid by the beginning of November for construction in 2019.
- Connell Rail Interchange Project
  - Helped Benton/Franklin Council of Governments with an application for NADO Innovation Awards. Although this award does not provide any grant funds it does provide recognition for the Rail Interchange Project.
  - Received notice that the Connell Rail Interchange Project received the NADO Innovation Award! Information in regards to this award can be found at:  
<https://www.nado.org/congratulations-to-the-2018-nado-innovation-award-recipients/>
- Construction has started on the Electric Vehicle Charging station. Unfortunately it will not be completed by Fall Festival but should be completed by the end of September.
- Held a meeting with Park Board. Discussed the end of the pool season and compiled a list of projects to review for the 2019 Budget.
- Have started working on the 2019 Budget, see attached budget memo.
- Thank you to everyone who attended our employee and board members appreciation BBQ, it was a great success thanks to the staff. Thank you to Junior Bernal for cooking and Ivan Barragan for the hilarious Jeopardy game!