



Weekly Update

Apalachicola City Manager

November 25, 2025

- **Forced Draft Aerator/Scrubber;** is up and operational. Our Water/Sewer folks have completed their testing, and we are no longer relying on hydrogen peroxide as treatment. We are applying to FL DEP to keep the hydrogen peroxide solution in place (but not online) in case a back-up is ever needed. The manufacturer is sending us the O&M manual for this piece of equipment, and we are tracking this open item.

- **City Request for Apalachicola Stewardship Funding** in the amount of \$5M was approved, supported and submitted for funding by both Rep Shoaf and Sen Simon's offices.

-- If approved, funds will be used to implement projects that improve surface water and groundwater quality within the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern, including the construction of stormwater management

facilities and central sewage collection facilities, installation of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, direct and indirect potable reuse, and other water quality and water supply projects.

- **Bids:** We had several bids come due since our last meeting and we will be bringing the IGA & Ellis Lift Station Improvements, Avenues Stormwater Repair, and Wastewater Collection System Improvements bid award recommendations to the commission at the December 2nd meeting. From this, pre-construction meetings will be held so we can get the projects underway. The next bid coming due is the Lawn Maintenance at City Cemeteries, which closes on Friday, November 28th.

- **Development:** I met with some developers who are working on the Boss Oyster property. They were meeting with local stakeholders last week and will be submitting their new plans to the City in the coming weeks.

- **Events:** I met with a Rodeo producer who would like to put on a rodeo in the Battery Park area next spring. I must get some more information to better understand what this would entail, and will keep you posted.
- **City Hall Closure:** This is just a reminder that City Hall will be closing for Thanksgiving at noon on Wednesday, November 26th and reopen at 8:00 AM on Monday, December 1st.
- **Well Rehabilitation:** Well 6 has been rehabilitated and is up and running at almost 2x its previous capacity. Rehabilitation is ongoing for Well 5, and the electrical upgrade to support the new motor and pump should be finished today. This upgrade was delayed due to a faulty fuse. After the motor/pump and associated piping is installed in Well #5, Well #7 (currently online and working) is next for its rehabilitation and upgrade.
- **Fire Hydrants:** The City completed the installation of the 75 fire hydrants that we were working on. Our order for an additional 15 has not been fulfilled yet but once received they will be scheduled for installation.
- **Personnel:** HR is working on updated job descriptions and salary ranges for our Code Enforcement Officer and the Community Development Coordinator. These should be completed and advertised by the end of next week.
- **Water/Sewer Taps:** we are completing overdue open requests and have completed 11 water and/or sewer taps in the last two weeks. As of today, we have seven open work orders for service. The number of requests for service will continually fluctuate as we take in new applications while we complete the previously submitted work orders.
- **Work Session:** there will be a work session starting at 5:00 prior to the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd. The subject for the work session will be the City's Adaptation and Analysis Action Plan. This is a required public meeting to help explain the framework behind the plan and will describe the findings from in the vulnerability analysis. It will also recommend future strategies to mitigate challenges from storm flooding, surge events, and sea level rise.
- **Special Events Permit:** A commissioner pointed out that our permit application conflicted with our ordinance which allows special permits for activities which will exceed the permissible noise levels. A new special events permit was completed earlier this week explaining the allowable noise levels. This permit was posted to our website.

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