



# August 18, 2020 Council Meeting

## Agenda Attachment with Recommendations

### Agenda Item 10: Update from City Manager

1. Budget Update – N/A.
2. Coronavirus Issues – We are having positive tests that occasionally force us to be short handed in one department or another so we just manage it ad hoc. We have only one person out due to a positive test at this time.
3. Main Street Capital Fund Sidewalk Grant – Concrete work is done, and waiting on handrails. There are no issues. With project savings we have issued a Contract Change Order for additional handrails where needed.
4. Grants from the GLO (CDBG Harvey Mitigation) – Management has been heavily involved in starting the process to apply for a minimum of \$3MM in federal funding to carry out a mitigation project in order to improve drainage issues and harden roadways/infrastructure in San Augustine. Items 12 & 13 pertain to this project.
5. Texas CDBG Grant (Water Plant) – No change. The grants are still delayed, but still expected. We hope to hear status from the funding agency in mid to late September.
6. USDA Preliminary Engineering Report & Application – Management is working on a means of funding for the application process (\$800K).
7. Broadband – The study has begun, and these are the week one results:

San Augustine County Survey Sector	Suggested Min. Total Response Target	Total Responses as of 13-Jul	Sum of weekly Change	Percent of Target Achieved
Residential	340	33	0	10%
Business	30	2	0	7%
Public Safety	3	1	0	33%
Library & Community Org	1	0	0	0%
Agriculture	293	0	0	0%
K-12 Education	7	0	0	0%
Healthcare	1	0	0	0%
Government	3	1	0	33%
Totals	678	37	0	5%

Week of August 10th

San Augustine County Survey Sector	Suggested Min. Total Response Target	Total Responses as of 4-Aug	Total Responses as of 10-Aug	Sum of weekly Change	Percent of Target Achieved
Residential	340	177	178	1	52%
Business	30	8	8	0	27%
Public Safety	3	2	3	1	100%
Library & Community Org	1	1	1	0	100%
Agriculture	293	2	2	0	1%
K-12 Education	7	0	0	0	0%
Healthcare	1	0	0	0	0%
Higher Ed	0	0	0	0	0%
Government	3	2	2	0	67%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29%</b>

We don't understand why San Augustine Citizens are not as responsive as Jasper where the rate is already at 90%.

Jasper County Survey Sector	Suggested Min. Total Response Target	Total Responses as of 28-Jul	Total Responses as of 4-Aug	Sum of weekly Change	Percent of Target Achieved
Residential	1258	1219	1226	7	97%
Business	62	58	58	0	94%
Public Safety	11	1	1	0	9%
Library & Community Org	3	2	2	0	67%
Agriculture	89	12	12	0	13%
K-12 Education	17	6	6	0	35%
Higher ED	1	1	1	0	100%
Healthcare	4	1	1	0	25%
Government	8	4	4	0	50%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>90%</b>

**Agenda Item 11: Award Banking Services Contract**

It may not be possible to properly analyze the bids in a timely manner prior to the August meeting due as close as to the fact the RFP co-terminated with the other items regarding a large grant. If this is the case we can easily continue as we are until the next meeting, and decide at that time.

**Recommended Motion:** I motion we award the banking contract to (xxx bank).

**Agenda Item 12: Hurricane Harvey CDBG MIT Grant Administrator Hiring**

The RFP for this hiring will term the day before the August Council meeting, and evaluation scoring should be done for the work to be awarded.

**Recommended Motion:** I motion the Council award (xxx company) as the City's Grant Administrator to pursue the Mitigation CDBG Grant from the General Land Office.

**Agenda Item 13: Hurricane Harvey CDBG MIT Engineering Firm Selection**

The RFP for this hiring will term the day before the August Council meeting, and evaluation scoring should be done for the work to be awarded.

**Recommended Motion:** I motion the Council award (xxx company) as the City's Engineer for the Mitigation CDBG Grant from the General Land Office.

**Agenda Item 15: Water System Update with Q&A**

We have been forced to disseminate several warnings to our utility customers regarding an ongoing problem with the accumulation of Trihalomethanes (TTHM) within the water system. This is due to several high test results that resulted in a Location Running Annual Average (LRAA) being over limits. This was during a period where we were working to effect repairs on various portions of the system to address the same issue. The last tests were actually done directly after a piece of work that probably stirred up organic materials and resulted in the last test result which was much higher than allowable. In light of this we wanted to offer time to ask questions of the Superintendent for the water system and City Management. We did this once before, and although attendance was but 3 people, we did make a Q&A available in a public forum.

**Recommended Motion:** N/A

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