

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

February 27, 2015

- (1) We continue to work on the budget. Possible dates for the Council to have its first budget session are on Tuesday March 24th at 6 p.m., or on Tuesday March 31 at 6 p.m.
- (2) Department heads are now working on their five-year year capital plan and inventory.
- (3) The city's revenues must be strengthened. The general fund is very dependent on utility revenues. We need to discuss cost-saving measures and revenues at next meeting.
- (4) We are developing an updated social media policy to guide city employees.
- (5) At the next Council meeting, the Council will consider approving a 1.5 million dollar low-interest loan application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority for sewer and water system improvements. The water-sewer rate increases are helping finance system improvements.
- (6) We now have a map of the 61 dilapidated houses in Cochran. This will be distributed at the next Council meeting.
- (7) In the upcoming budget, we will try to identify revenues to fund at least a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to assist with dilapidated houses, illegal dumping, and other violations.
- (8) We are applying for funds from the U.S. Fire Administration to finance the training and certification of volunteer firefighters. Interim Chief J.J. Speer is a part of the grant preparation discussion.
- (9) Our next round of road resurfacing will occur in late 2015 or early 2016.