

MANAGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2026

HURRICAN ISAIAS: This storm was horrendous for our community and our neighbors both locally and to the west in Milton and Pensacola, we've been through this before and we will get through this also. Immediately after the winds died down, I came up and drove around the Town to see what damage was done and put barricades up where dangers existed. On Saturday the 10th I met Mike and Greg at the office and drove around the town once more to assess the damage and establish a plan to begin recovering. We established that because nothing was seemingly life threatening to wait until Monday to begin the work on getting crews from DRC on site. I worked with both DRC and Waste Management to get as much storm debris up as possible in the first week and we lucked out to a point as Waste Management agreed to double up on their bulk since they had missed the previous Friday and were able to get a lot before DRC showed up on site on Thursday the 15th of October. Once they began they had the Town completed in just under 2 days for their first pass. They will be back in a couple weeks for a second pass to allow property owners to get more debris out to the road. That is when they are supposed to get the C&D material from the roadsides also. Mayor Pro Tem Dillard and myself have also met with Emergency Management on resources to help get the Town and its citizens back on track and for us to be able to give our citizens avenues for recovery efforts. Linda and I traveled to Crestview and Baker on Monday October 26 to look at some equipment for the Town that we have discussed possibly purchasing in the budget workshops for these exact reasons as we are experiencing now. The Emergency management staff encouraged us to get this equipment now as opposed to renting the equipment because we may qualify for reimbursement from state and federal sources. We were hoping to have the quotes by meeting time but haven't received anything back yet.

WATER QUALITY MEETING: Mayor Hood and I met with Commissioner Goodwin and Deputy Director Craig Coffey about us teaming up with Fort Walton along with the County to go to the state about the water quality in the bayou and trying to convince them that we need assistance with improving the water quality. Goodwin said that what people aren't understanding is that the water quality hasn't just gotten bad all of a sudden it is just being tested daily and weekly as opposed to monthly and quarterly as it was previously done. There is issues if not multiple issues going on and we need to get a plan and a way to make it better.

PARADE: The parade is approaching fast; this storm hasn't helped anyone in preparation for this thing but Linda and I did drive the Parade Route and its not a very long distance and they have several ways to get out of there after the Parade ends. We should be ready on our end we just have to get the trailer set back up and we have more items that we have ordered to throw it out.

TRIM-TRUTH IN MILLAGE: After getting all of the Budget Workshops completed and out of the way, I have sent all of the information to the Department of Revenue's TRIM Department on the OASYS eportal to show our compliance with this budgeting cycle. There is still a couple of things that the property appraiser's office has to return to me to complete the entire process and I will send it to the TRIM Department to complete everything once it is received.

YACHT CLUB TOWNHOMES: Since our last meeting Daher Contracting began work on the Yacht Club Townhomes across the street from the church on Yacht Club. The 19 unit complex is slated to take just over a year to complete from this point. Demolition of all of the old structures was the first goal and at this point is almost complete. Phase 2 will be the underground infrastructure including water and sewer lines, power, and stormwater utilities.

TDD SEAWAY BOAT LAUNCH IMPROVEMENTS: We had a great turnout for the Sea Way Boat Launch ribbon cutting. I know most of us were there but for those that missed out on being there, we had about 70 people who attended including the County Blue Shirt workers who are down there daily watering the grass and keeping up with the project. County Commissioner Trey Goodwin spoke as well as Jeff Peters from the County and told everyone about the partnership between the county and the Town and how nice the project has turned out taking everyone's recommendations into account and being good neighbor's. Finally Mayor Hood got to speak and recognize our staff and Council to all the

people in attendance and mentioned her neighbor Bill Taylor which kept a close eye on the project as it moved along and made sure the county was doing all they had promised the Town.

CINCO BAYOU WATER QUALITY: I know I have been bringing this subject up on my last three manager's reports as I'm just trying to keep everyone informed on what we know and have heard either directly from the Health department, but also from other communities, the county, and anything that we hear referencing it on social media. We got word on September 18th just after 5 p.m. that the water quality had came back from the Water Street sample with high levels of bacteria and they issued a health advisory. Linda came back in that afternoon and put the signs back up at the parks and posted a notice on our website.

BUDGET: We have finally received all of the figures back from the EDR and all of our budget revenues are correct and where the Department of Revenue expects them to be. My 3-5% margins I had used in place of the missing EDR figures were off a total of \$1481.00. I adjusted those figures on our FY26/27 budget and removed the same amount from the contingency fund line item 580.990 on the expense accounts keeping us at an even budget of \$2,523,949.00.

FY 2026-27 BUDGET AND EXPENSES: We have a lot of work to do in our community over the next 12 months and I know and understand Amendment 3 is on everyone's minds but rest assured we will do for Cinco Bayou what we have always done. Work hard and diligently to do as much as we can for as little as we can. I think we should honestly be a posterchild for how the entire state should be ran. When you have too much money you have to search for thing's to spend it on, we've never had that problem here we are doing more work than we have ever done in our Town during a single fiscal year and I'm very proud of that. The other thing I'm going to stress to everyone is that just because they make radical decisions at the state level doesn't mean our local government stops. We have to press on, work hard and find ways to get through any hard times that come.