

Mayor's Report

CC Meeting August 12th, 2025

1. Well 6 is off-line. We have had an unusual amount of sand coming out of the well. We have contacted Wanda Drilling and SPI to assist us in assessing the situation. Unfortunately, there is no way to determine what is going on downhole without pulling the column pipe and pump. We are working with Wanda drilling and SPI to perform this service. We will be pulling the existing pump. Wanda Drilling will then perform a camera run down the well to determine if we have any breaches in the casing or disruption in the gravel pack and filter screens. If those look good, we will be placing a test pump down the well with a smaller column pipe. This will allow us to run a camera downhole while the pump is in operation. The operation should determine the continued viability of this well.
2. Water System Assessment – No further report on the current project until we determine Well 6 status.
3. I attended several training sessions and conferences over the last two weeks. They consisted of training/information on illegal dumping conducted by the ET-COG. (East Texas Council of Government). This two day training was intended for Law enforcement, Fire Marshalls and Code Enforcement Officers. I will be reviewing this information with council members to determine how we can effectively apply state, county and local ordinance to improve Berryville.
4. TCEQ – They are the water authority for Texas. This was very informative from both an operational standpoint as well as a future planning platform. There are some things we can do to improve our processes as well as provide protection for our employees and citizens. We will be addressing those items over the next few weeks. The most beneficial part was the information on funding sources that may be available to us going forward. The most recent legislative session has provided funding for rural water operations such as ours. However, the caveat is that this type of funding is typically 18-24 months after application acceptance. We will do everything we can to better understand the process and put us in the best position to secure these funds.
5. TML- Texas Municipal League. This conference was held for newly elected city officials. They covered everything from Parliamentary procedures to Ethics. Where

to find things in the Local Code. The differences in the various forms. Type A vs Type B vs Home rule.

Updates were provided from the most recent legislative sessions.

Training was provided on Public Information Requests as well as Open Meetings Act.

6. Pine Bliss/ Red Ranch – Cody Harris has introduced 4 bills pertaining to the water situation. At this time, they have not been added to the special session called by Gov Abbott but they may be yet. We will continue to monitor.
7. Fire Department – County Contracts have been released and we have been informed that we will receive \$8000 from the county this year. We received \$16,000 last year. I am trying to determine the difference in the amounts and the criteria for determining the amounts.
8. County Emergency Management – Hazard Mitigation Planning. Updating information with the county so that we can qualify for funding if declared disaster area.
9. Budget vs Actuals for FY 24-25 Available for review. Just want to show where we exceeded our budget or did not meet it.

Overall, you can reach out to me anytime. Email is best. My email and phone number are on the website.

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