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A.P. Receives \$10 Mil CDBG Grant For Major Infrastructure work

(Includes N. McCampbell)

Thanks to the Community Development Block Grant and the Texas General Land Office, the City of Aransas Pass will receive \$10 mil to address major infrastructure work. This includes N. McCampbell and several other drainage and sewer system improvements in town that already had problems but were made worse by Hurricane Harvey. N. McCampbell will be a very high priority (see picture above right). This grant also will allow the City to address several of the high priority projects listed in the recently completed city-wide drainage study. The successful application of this grant is possible because of the work of Mayor Ram Gomez and City Council Members, Billy Ellis, Vicki Abrego, Jan Moore, and Carrie Scruggs. The streets in the graphic below are just a few of the sections of roads under this grant that will see flood, drainage and sewer improvements. Also, as this work is completed, many sections of these streets also will be improved.



“This grant is a major accomplishment for the City of Aransas Pass. It allows us to address some major long-delayed flood, drainage and sewerline infrastructure projects. Work should begin fairly soon. Another great thing about this grant is that the City has no matching dollars.”

Mayor Ram Gomez and the Aransas Pass City Council Members.

W Greenwood

E. STAPP

N. McCampbell

W Highland

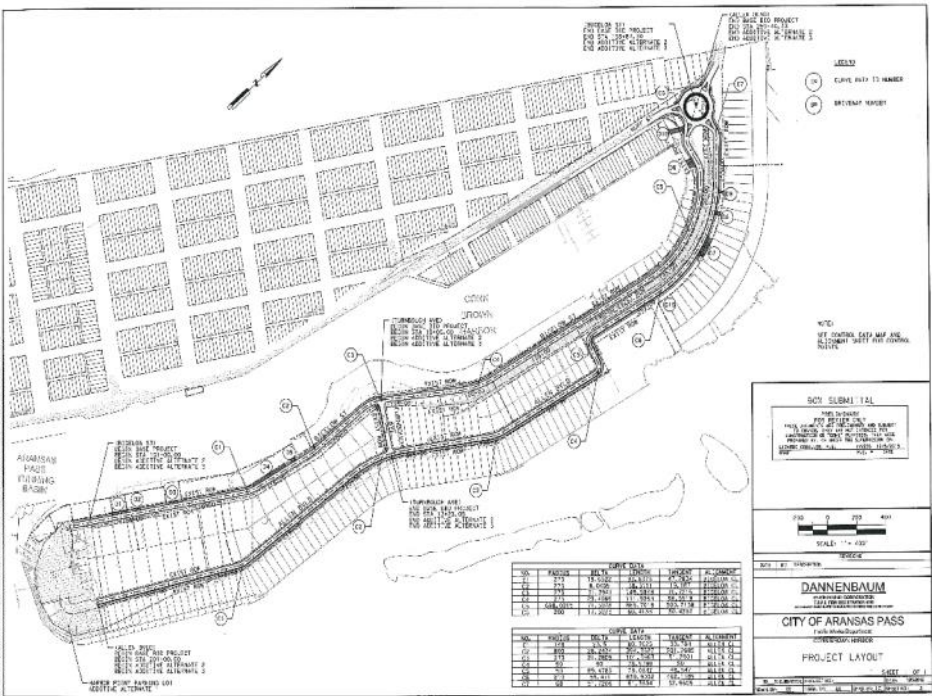
N Rife

S Saunders

W Deberry

W Nelson

W Wilson



Harbormaster Bldg Destroyed by Harvey To Be Rebuilt

The City's Harbormaster Bldg was blown away by Hurricane Harvey. FEMA has agreed to build another. The site for the Harbormaster building can be seen below, which is just South of the Boat Barn at Conn Brown. The total Grant is \$623,792. We anticipate requesting bids very soon since FEMA has given the green light for this project.

Conn Brown Harbor Bid Awarded

The City received a nearly \$5 mil grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to build new roads at Conn Brown Harbor with an adjoining biking/walking path. The project now is designed so we requested bids from construction companies to do the actual work. The low bid was Haas-Anderson Construction, LTD with a total bid of \$5,390,093.65. It was decided to go with asphalt paving for the roads and adjoining walking/biking trail. This allowed the City to accept all of the potential alternates (additional and related work) including a water-line loop, an overlay of the parking lot at Harbor Point Park and lighting along the length of the new roads and walking/biking trail. See above drawing.

This project also includes a large traffic roundabout at the entrance to Conn Brown Harbor where Allen, Bigelow and Huff meet.



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WHO ARE YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS?

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2. Carrie Scruggs-Place 1
3. Billy Ellis—Place 2
4. Mayor Pro-Tem Jan Moore - Place 3
5. Vicki Abrego –Place 4

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The Marshall Lane Paving project is complete, This was a partnership between the City and San Patricio County.. See be-



Aransas Pass Gets Grant For Much Needed Generators And Pumps

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has awarded a grant to the City of Aransas Pass for \$1,597,500. This grant will cover two back-up generators and 25 Dri-Prime back up pumps for use on critical infrastructure throughout the City. The generators will be installed at one of the city buildings and at one sewer lift station. The Dri-Prime pumps (see picture above) will be installed at 23 sewer lift stations and two storm water pump stations. The purpose of this equipment is to ensure continuity of basic services, including water and sewer, as well as public safety, in the event of a power failure during severe weather.

A.P. Mayor and City Council Allows The Local COVID Stay-At-Home Order To Expire

Aransas Pass City Facilities Re-Open

During its April 30 Special Meeting, the Aransas Pass Mayor and City Council could have extended its recent COVID-19 Stay-At-Home Order and all of its different elements. Instead, they allowed the Order to expire. The City will follow the Governor's orders on this matter. This means that the Aransas Pass Boat Ramp at Harbor Point Park will re-open. City lobbies will reopen (see picture below right of the City Hall Lobby). Floor stickers have been applied in the City Hall lobby indicating required distances between people. Virtually everything within City government that had been shutdown will re-open, however, social distancing rules will be followed, including the 25% capacity rule. One of the most popular attractions in Aransas Pass is the Conn Brown boat ramp. The City Council made its decision to reopen them the evening of April 30th. The next morning, May 1st, the boat ramp parking lot was mostly full (see picture below left) The buildings that had been closed, such as the library, will reopen.

The water fountain at Conn Brown Harbor is now ADA compliant. The ramp and handrail were completed in late April.

