

ARANSAS PASS CITY NEWS

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2018 Customer Service Survey – City of Aransas Pass

Please take a few moments to fill out the survey below and tell us what you think about your City services. After you complete it, return to City Hall when you pay your utility bill or mail it to: Office of City Manager, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd. Aransas Pass, Tx 78336. Or fill out the survey on-line at <www.aransaspasstx.gov>

Keeping in mind that Aransas Pass is recovering from Hurricane Harvey and repairs still are underway-

How would you describe the City of Aransas Pass as a place to live?

Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion

How do you rate the overall quality of services provided by the City of Aransas Pass?

Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion

Were you treated courteously in your last contact with the City? Yes No

How would you rate the overall appearance of the City?

Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion

How important is Code Enforcement to the City?

Very Important Important Not Important

How should Conn Brown Harbor be developed? (circle only one)

Residential Retail Residential & Retail & Fishing Fishing only Industrial Leave as it is

For each of the following City services and conditions, please indicate your overall opinion based on your experience with, or observations of, during the past 12 months.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Contact
Building Permits & Inspections					
Your experience obtaining various City permits					
Animal Control					
Fire					
Police					
Sewer Service					
Storm Water Drainage					
Regular Trash Pick-up					
Monthly bulk items Pick-up					
Street Maintenance					
City Sidewalks					
Utility bill payments i.e. (sewer/water)					
Aransas Pass Downtown					
Parks					
Civic Center					
Library					
Aquatic Center					
Municipal Court					
Emergency Services					
How safe do you feel living in Aransas Pass					

©Thank you! ©

YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED

The image to the left is of the City Services Survey going to every household in July. You will find it in the envelope with your utility bill. Please take a few moments and tell us what you think about your City services. You can drop it off at City Hall or mail it to the office of the City Manager at 600 W. Cleveland in Aransas Pass, 78336 or fill out a survey on line at the City Webpage. Only one response per computer. To better serve you, your input is needed.



THE F.D. AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The Aransas Pass Fire Department recently performed an important public service and assisted with the painting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building across from City Hall



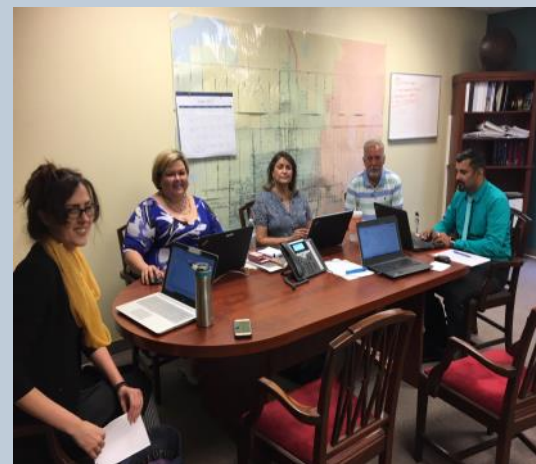
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN

During the week of June 25th, City Department Heads defended their annual budget requests before a newly formed budget committee made up of an elected official (Vickie Abrego); the Finance Director (Sandra Garcia) and the City Manager (Gary Edwards). The Committee meets with all department heads individually during the week and when the process is complete, the Committee will have gone through every line of the budget. During these lengthy sessions, it will be up to the Department head to explain and defend the reasoning for the budget requests. Seen below during the budget meeting dealing with Public Works, Planning and the Building Department are (L-R) Katherine Comeaux, Planning Director; Garcia; Abrego; Burl Smith, Building Director and Fernando Quintanilla, Public Works Director.



CITY COUNCIL SETS BUDGET PRIORITIES

On June 15th, the Mayor and City Council met with Department Heads to set budgetary priorities for the upcoming budget process. See above pictures. During the half-day session, Department Heads presented their priorities to the Council. Afterward, the City Council members selected their top priorities from those presented by staff. It was clear from the meeting that during the coming fiscal year, a strong emphasis will be placed on cleaning up Aransas Pass and addressing the City's appearance. The Aransas Pass Fiscal Year begins on October 1st and ends September 30th.



DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Aransas Pass the 20th day of June, 2018 has suffered widespread or severe damage to property resulting in flooding and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Aransas Pass has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent and to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Aransas Pass.
2. That the City Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Council of the City of Aransas Pass, Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately upon and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 20th day of June 2018.


Ramon Gomez, City Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Perry
City Secretary

JUNE RAINS PUMMEL ARANSAS PASS

The week of June 18th through the 22nd, the Coastal Bend received heavy rains. At one point, the City of Aransas Pass received 9.25" in a 6 hour period. As a result of minor flooding and the recommendation of Emergency Management, Mayor Ram Gomez signed a Declaration of Disaster on June 20th. See Declaration above. On June 21st Governor Abbot declared 6 Counties as disaster areas, including San Patricio, Aransas and Nueces. On June 22nd San Patricio County Judge, Simpson signed a local Declaration of Disaster.

These signed declarations allow for assistance to the City not otherwise available. The City hopes to be reimbursed for the extra expenses it incurred for the event, such as overtime, pump rentals and damage to City infrastructure.

Independence Day Celebration!

Come Join Us to Celebrate

6:30 -9:30 pm – Free Food, Games and Activities

9:45 pm – Fireworks Show



When: Monday, July 2nd 2018

Where: Aransas Pass Community Park

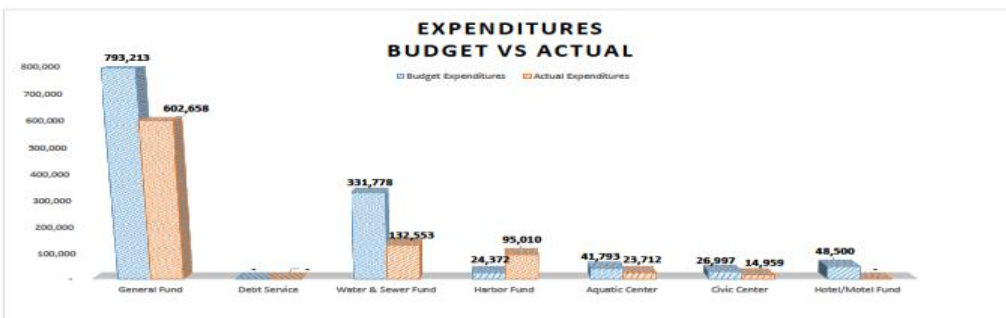
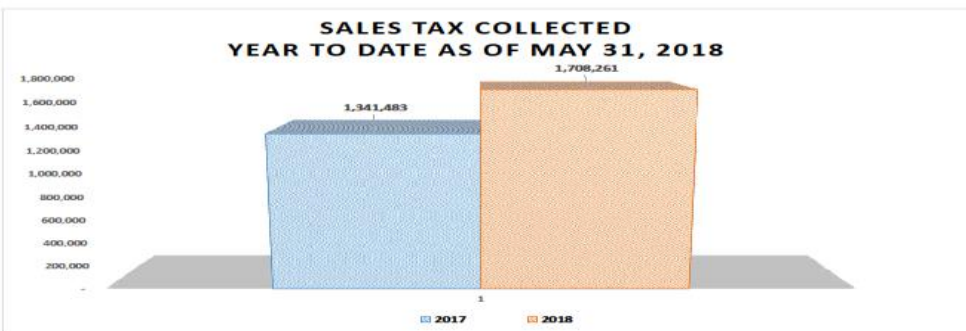
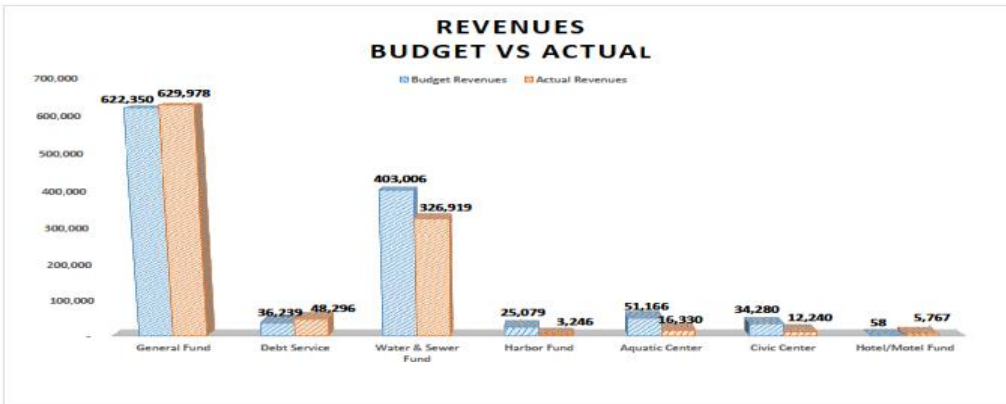


It is that time of year again. Time for the annual Independence Day City Fireworks Show. A special thanks goes to the Rebuild Texas Foundation for making the event possible this year. This annual show has become a tradition here in Aransas Pass and throughout the South Texas area. As noted in the above flyer, this year it will be held July 2nd at Community Park. The activities begin at 6:30 PM but the firework show is scheduled to start at 9:45.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING UNDERWAY

FOLLOWING RECENT HEAVY RAINS, THE CITY STARTED SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS ON JUNE 25. SPRAYING OCCURS EVERY EVENING WITH A DAILY GOAL OF COVERING THE ENTIRE CITY EACH EVENING. STRONG WINDS OR RAIN WILL PREVENT SPRAYING.

The graphs below show the City's monthly financial status as presented to the City Council on June 18, 2018. Again this month, the financial picture remains stable but cautious. Out concern is the post-Harvey property tax.



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WHO ARE YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS?

1. Mayor—Ram Gomez
2. Carrie Scruggs – Council Place 1
3. Mayor Pro Tem William “Billy” Ellis—Place 2
4. Jan Moore—Place 3
5. Vickie Abrego—Place 4

City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Work Sessions are frequently held on the 2nd Monday.

CIVIC CENTER REPAIRS SCHEDULED TO START IN EARLY JULY

The Scope of Work includes a new roof, new wiring for sound and lighting, structural repairs, interior painting and sheet rock work, exterior painting and stucco repairs and new flooring.