

# Manning Matters

February 2015



## The State of Our City...

I normally provide this report for our January newsletter. However, here is an update on the city's progress.

We currently have three USDA projects underway. The Paxville Water Extension is completed. The purpose of this project was to extend water service to Paxville; approximately 300 potential water customers. To date, 95 new customers have signed up. This was a \$4M project and our payment to USDA is \$13,000 mo/40 years.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Phase I) is running on schedule and we're currently \$900,000 under budget. The purpose of this project is to increase our wastewater capacity from 2.5 to 5 million gallons per day. The total cost for three phases is twenty one million and our payment to USDA is \$41,161 mo/40 years. The proposed completion date is the Summer of 2016.

The Alcolu Water and Sewer Expansion is in progress. The purpose of this project is to extend water and sewer service to the Alcolu community. Currently, we have 30 proposed customers. The total cost for this project is \$350,000 and our payment to USDA is \$1,103 mo/40 years. We have also received requests from business owners and residents of Alcolu to extend our current pro-

ject. The proposed completion date is Spring 2015.

Our fire station renovation and addition is going well. The purpose of this project is to provide our firemen with better accommodations and have a modern emergency center. The total cost of this project is \$935,000 and our payment is \$40,000 annually. The proposed completion date is June 2015.

The West Manning Water Improvement Project is in the design phase. This is a 100% Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant in the amount of \$350,000. The purpose of this project is to upgrade water lines in the Western section of town; provide increased water pressure and fire protection; and paint the water tank on Keitt Street, also known as the "big blue bulb". The proposed completion date is December 2015.

The Mill Street Streetscape Project is in the design phase. The purpose of this project is to enhance both sides of Mill Street from Boyce Street down to Rigby Street, to include sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. The First Baptist Church of Manning has done such a great job with their project that we're interested in further enhancing this area. This project is funded by a \$240,000 SC Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant and transportation funds from Clarendon

County. The proposed completion date is December 2015.

The Municipal Parking Lot will be in the bid phase in February 2015. The purpose of this project is to create a paved parking lot behind City Hall. We have received \$120,000 in transportation funds from Clarendon County to fund this project. The proposed completion date is the Fall of 2015.

The Fleming Community Revitalization Project is in the start-up phase. The purpose of this project is to rid the city of 15 dilapidated structures. This project is funded by a \$230,000 Community Development Block Grant. The proposed completion date is December 2015.

We are also seeking funding for two other projects, the Red Barn Project and the West Huggins Street Sidewalk Addition. The purpose of the proposed \$1.8M projects is to renovate the Red Barn into a Public Meeting and Event Space. The West Huggins Street Project is in the planning and funding phase. The purpose is to install a new sidewalk from Fellowship Church to Bellewood Court. We have requested \$207,000 in transportation funds from Clarendon County.

I would also like to report that there was a decrease in the crime rate in 2014; for more information see article below from Police Chief Blair Shaffer. Overall, we can

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consider our city a safe place to live.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, words of encouragement and support during my journey to restored health.

As always, I would like to thank each of you for your

contribution in making our city true to its motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor

*Julia A. Nelson*

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## To the Citizens of Manning

It is my pleasure to report to the citizens of Manning that the city had a decrease of 11.6% in our crime rate of 2014. The crime rate has decreased by 16.5% during the past two years. The only significant increases were in Driving Under the Influence, Drug offenses and Fraud cases. Major offenses such as Burglary, Robbery, Assaults and Larceny saw the greatest amount of decline.

I want to thank the administration of the City of Manning for their constant support to the Manning Police Department and their desire to have a safe community. I would also like to thank the men and women of the Manning Police Department. These

officers are dedicated to the citizens of Manning and have a desire to work with the community to provide outstanding police services. Lastly, I want to thank the citizens of Manning. The decrease in crime would not be possible without law abiding citizens. All of you desire to live in a safe community; therefore, most of the citizens abide by the laws of our state and city. Many citizens also get involved by assisting the Manning Police Department in solving crimes and are quick to bring to our attention matters that need to be addressed.

Again I want to thank everyone for your efforts and the support you have for the City of Manning.

*Chief Blair Shaffer*

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## Cities Mean Business Month

Main Street Manning is celebrating February as Cities Mean Business month. This campaign is intended to encourage new and stronger collaboration between local elected leaders and the business community to reinforce the fact that strong cities are the economic engines that help drive the state's

competitiveness. We are hosting a writing contest for area students. The winner will get a tour of City Hall and be recognized by Council. In addition to the writing contest we are hosting a Business After Hours on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6 pm at 24 N Brooks Street. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer with Main Street Manning

please contact Carrie Trebil at 435-8477. Main Street Manning is a board of the City of Manning dedicated to revitalizing the business district through economic development, design excellence and business promotions.



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## Black History Month

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S.

history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other

countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

