I remember growing up that my grandparents would say that as you get older, time really starts to fly by. Well, I do not consider myself old, but I can attest that time is really flying by me! It has been a year since I was sworn in as Mayor. I remember at the beginning, telling folks that I was new. Trial by fire is what has happened.

The City Staff that includes Katy, Shane and Victor have been incredible to provide me with insight on how our little City works. Former Mayor Bob will always pick up the phone if I call to ask for his historical insight. He has a rock-solid memory whereas I must write notes constantly. My notes come in handy albeit they are not fancy, just handwritten and sometimes hand-scribbled! So far, I have filled up the three composition notebooks with the fourth about half full.

It has amazed me at what all I have learned in the past year. I never gave a second thought to how our wastewater is cared for nor did I ever think about what a storm can do to a water well. We just added seven dozen goldfish to our City clarifier tank, and I stood there very proud to have served the citizens by getting them from Tri-Lake Bait shop on Highway 377 in Granbury!

There have been so many of you that have been so quick to offer support in educating me in this new role. I needed to have had a degree in land platting, ordinances, zoning to name a few areas. Cresson Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Ron Becker, has been instrumental in educating me in the ins and outs of how to run his department.

I have also learned that most citizens do not understand the rules that go with proper decorum when in our council meetings. There are many rules for our General Law type A city to follow. Also, I have learned that even though Cresson is small, there are residents with very strong opinions that I am always open to hear from. Sometimes, there is nothing I can do to solve their problems, but still, I am anxious to hear out their concerns.

This week the topic was much to do with a local pig that has been escaping in the beautiful BlueBonnet Hills neighborhood. After phones calls, pictures sent to City Hall, we have learned that there is more than one pig! So, we have had a laugh or two at the challenges that pigs can cause if they get out to the neighbor's yard, interrupt a morning stroll, or almost scare a resident to death!

Time truly does fly especially when you are having fun (and when you are working hard)! We continue to evaluate ways to clean up Cresson. This town will see more growth in the next 5 years than it ever has including the natural gas boom years.

I encourage us all to voice our opinions with respect. Communicate with your leaders. Voting is essential! But most of all, while time is flying by, be kind!

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