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Honoring Our Heroes: Wreaths Across America Comes to the City

This Wednesday, the City Commission will hear a heartfelt proposal from Community Services Director O.J. Hechler about bringing the Wreaths Across America program to our community. Each December, this national movement places wreaths on veterans' graves across the country, ensuring that the service and sacrifice of our heroes are never forgotten. With the support of the local Magnolia Ellis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Truth or Consequences could join thousands of communities in this powerful tradition of remembrance. It's more than wreaths, it's a promise that we will honor, remember, and teach future generations about those who gave so much for our freedom.

Airport Grant Secures Vital Maintenance

The City has received a $22,222 grant from the NMDOT Aviation Division to fund essential maintenance and consumables at the Municipal Airport. This includes windsocks, beacon lighting, pavement paint, runway lights and fuses, crack-filling materials, and hangar door repairs—all critical for keeping the airport safe and operational.

The airport is more than a runway; it's a lifeline for our community. It supports emergency medical flights, firefighting operations, and military training, while also serving as a gateway for tourism and business development. This grant agreement will be presented to the City Commission on Wednesday, November 19, as part of ongoing efforts to maintain compliance with aviation safety standards and strengthen the airport's role in connecting T or C to regional and national networks. For more details visit the news section on the city website.

Effluent Reuse Preliminary Engineering Report on the Horizon

The City Commission will consider Resolution 24 25/26, authorizing the submission of an application to the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for a grant to fund a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for an effluent reuse water system. This report will evaluate the current system, identify deficiencies, and outline improvements such as expanding capacity, upgrading processes, or repairing aging infrastructure. It will also provide detailed engineering, financial, and environmental data, information required to secure future state and federal funding.

If approved, the resolution will allow city officials to submit the application and begin arrangements for financing the PER, which is estimated at up to $100,000 and fully covered by NMFA grant funds. This planning effort is a critical first step toward implementing an effluent reuse system that conserves water, reduces long-term costs, and strengthens the city's ability to meet future water needs responsibly.