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City officials taking proactive measures to prepare for possible flooding

The City of Shreveport is hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst as officials monitor the rising waters of the Red River. Shreveport Police, Shreveport Fire, Public Works, SPAR, and Water and Sewerage departments are all prepared to move into action.

The forecasted crest for the Red River in Shreveport is expected to reach 31.5 feet by Sunday.

However, the City is preparing for a higher level of flooding to ensure that equipment is ready to go in the case of increased flood waters. Three city parks –C. Bickham Dickson, Hamel and Riverview- have been closed until the water recedes.

“We want to ensure the safety of our citizens,” said Mayor Ollie Tyler. “We are taking every precaution to prevent any incidents that could put citizens in harm’s way.”

Additional by-pass pumps and hoses are being ordered for the North Regional Water Treatment Plant. The City is prepared to transport staff and diesel fuel by boat to the North Regional Plant which experienced high waters in June.

The protective berm at the Stoner Lift Station is being reinstated, and sandbagging of electrical equipment has taken place at Lucas Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Attaway Lift Station.

Public Works staff has already prepared nearly 3,000 sandbags ready for pickup at the Streets and Drainage yard, 3825 Mansfield Road. Crews are on standby to resume sandbagging operations if needed.

For updates on flooding information, go to www.shreveportla.gov, @cityshreveport on Twitter, or City of Shreveport – Mayor’s Office on Facebook.

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