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they received this year as a result of such a resolution. See OCN Vol. 20 No. 6 - June 6, 2020 (www.ocn.me/v20n6.htm#mbot0518 and www.ocn.me/v20n6.htm#mbot0527). Town Manager Mike Foreman said he would review the agreement the town signed with the county to receive the funding.

2021 budget approved

Ooms and Foreman have been holding monthly budget workshops with the board for several months to flesh out the 2021 budget and discuss any issues. Each department has specific needs to meet plus supplemental requests. A copy of the draft 2021 budget may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y37wqnhc>. Some items to note in the 2021 budget include:

- Employees will receive a 5%

cost-of-living salary adjustment. Medical benefits will be through Kaiser once again, with a 1.4% decrease in premiums. There is no change in premium costs for dental and vision benefits.

- General Fund revenue is expected to be \$6.488 million for 2021, while expenses in the fund are expected to exceed that at \$7.504 million.
- The largest number of new projects will be in Public Works using an infusion of \$22 million from the sale of debt. This fund will be the conduit through which this money is funneled to pay for projects. These include

a new water tank and pipeline, and a booster station upgrade. For a complete list of these projects see Vol. 20 No. 10 - October 3, 2020 (ocn.me).

- The Capital Projects Fund will include \$800,000 in grant money for Jackson Creek Parkway improvements.
- The Community Development Fund will get a \$110,000 allocation from the General Fund. The Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development and Visitor Center will collect \$25,000 from this fund. Resident Ann Howe asked about this payment but did not receive an answer.

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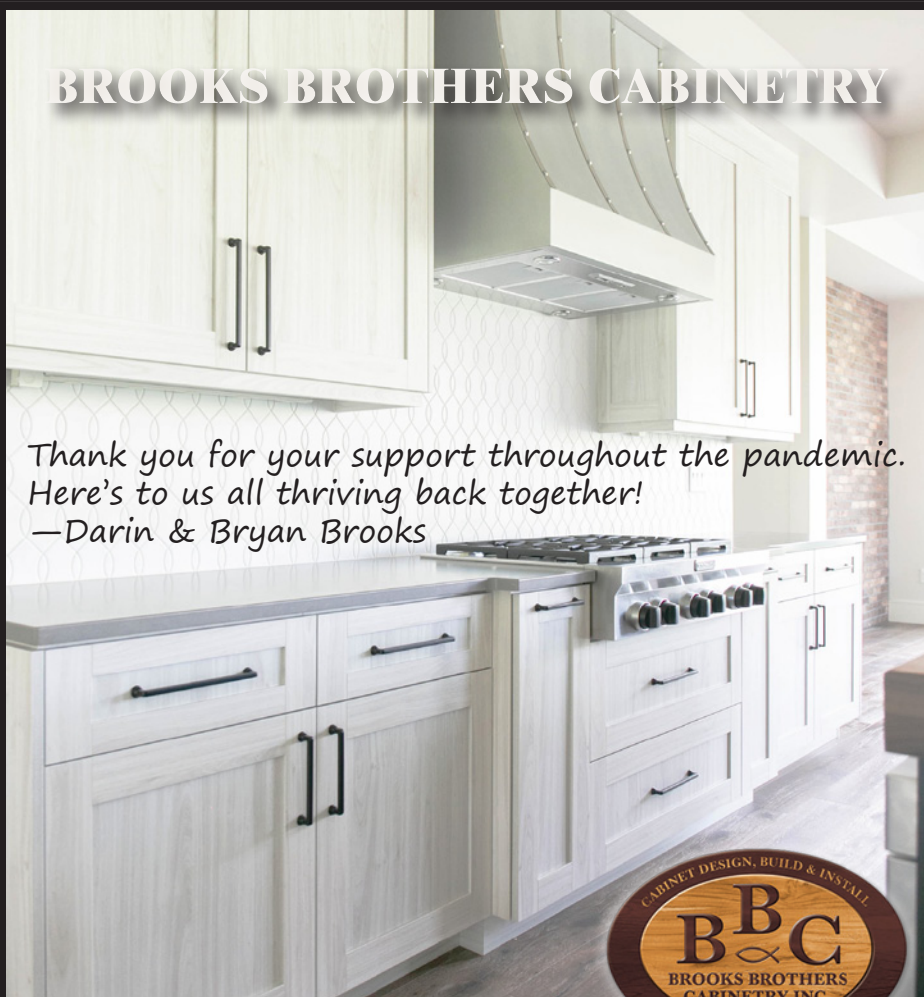


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