“Lions and tigers and bears,” oh my! A couple of weeks ago, my wife and I did our bucket list trip to Las Vegas and The Sphere, where we watched the 1939 movie classic “The Wizard of Oz” with a few thousand other people. The experience was awesome, as it is the ultimate 4D experience on steroids! We “caught” one of the apples the trees were throwing in the movie. If you’ve been there, you know what I am talking about. You know the story line, hopefully, where Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, and the Lion are on their quest to see the Wizard of Oz, hoping he could fulfill their wishes: returning home; a brain; a heart; and courage.

Well, the City has been working on fulfilling some things for our residents. At our upcoming November meeting, we hope to discuss and possibly approve a fiber optic company to begin work here. We will be discussing and approving the 2027 City budget, which will include fire protection costs from the Lindale Fire Department. We will also review any upswing in revenues from the Right-of-Way monies we receive to operate the City. ONCOR is finished with its upgrades and FM 16 is complete outside of our back gate at the end of CR 436. Our Emergency Management Team continues to go to trainings, as well, to help our community stay ready for issues that may arise.

Oh yes, the man behind the curtain, the Wizard of Oz, did grant Dorothy and her friends their wishes, but only after they jumped through some wicked hoops (pun intended). His solutions weren’t exactly what they had sought but were ultimately what made them happy. They just didn’t realize at the time that they already had what was needed to accomplish their dreams. Sometimes I think we could take a lesson from this movie.