

City Manager's Report

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Admin: Sales Tax, July: \$40,384.66 (up 22.6% same month previous year). Use Tax, July: \$5,924.72. We are one month into the current fiscal period. We are preparing for the upcoming audit process. We ended the first fiscal period receiving 12.5% of expected revenues and spent 12.9% of budgeted expenses in General Government. In public works we received 7.9% of expected revenues and spent 10.1% of budgeted expenses. Code Enforcement activities are ramped up to full enforcement. Please stay on top of grass and dilapidated structures to avoid fines. The DEQ has published the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report. Our water testing results are available online at http://sdwis.deq.state.ok.us/DWW/CCReports/OK2004204.pdf.

Projects: We are working on grant applications for the current REAP cycle. Two applications will be REAP grants for the refurbishment of the elevated water tower, as defined in the Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) completed earlier this year. The third grant application will be a REAP grant for refurbishment of roadway located on West Washington. The balance of project funds will come from ARPA funds. We will replace 3 computers and one server damaged and paid for with an insurance claim in the next several months. This month we have been cleaning house and will surplus old equipment and dispose of damaged items replaced by insurance. The hay field at the sewer lagoons produced 226 bales of hay....our contractual share (50%) was 113 bales. I posted online asking for bids, and received a number of good offers. The high bidder (\$4,005.00) was selected and notified. New police unit (Dodge Charger) is on order pending upfit. Chief Stephens is continuing to work with FEMA and John Beasley has brought a new friendly FEMA representative, Ethel, for Andy to interact with.

Parks: We have ordered new led lights for the park to replace the old and inefficient pole lights. The lights cost only slightly more than the bulbs for the existing lights and will pay for themselves in energy savings. The south backboard at the Hunt Family basketball court was damaged by vandals and was replaced. Long term park priorities include: permanent bathrooms, improved ball field lighting, stadium seating, and a new roof on the farmers market pavilion.

Library: The Library is seeing an increasing number of visitors (96 visitors and 29 computer users). The library is still offering curbside delivery as well. The 2021 Summer Reading Program was a major success...18 kids completed the program. The library will continue to do virtual story time...schedules posted on the Library Facebook page. The Library is planning craft and story time on Fridays when school is out. Book sale from August 2nd through August 20th.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager