



City Manager's Report

December 13, 2022

Admin: Sales Tax, November: \$39,042.97. Use Tax, November: \$10,545.20. We are 41% through Fiscal Year 2023. In General Government, we have received 42.6% of expected revenues and spent 42.8% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 45.4% of expected revenues and spent 43.4% of budgeted expenses. We remain on track with our budgetary plan.

Projects: We are progressing with our water treatment plant upgrade project. The project will eliminate the clearwell and replace it with a modern in-line chlorinator. The \$543k project, will be funded by a \$401k REAP grant from ACOG and the balance from ARPA funds. Currently, Myers Engineering is developing the bid package for the construction phase of the project. We applied for 2 REAP grants to cover the cost of rehabilitating and updating the water tower at the city yard. We were successful with both grant applications, securing \$300k in grant funds which will cover the cost of the project. We completed and submitted a \$1M ARPA grant application with OWRB, to be used for wastewater infrastructure projects including a new wastewater lift station to provide sewer services to the unserved area south of Van Buren within city limits. If successful, grant will provide 100% of the funding for this project. The grant should be scored, and results known by the end of the month. We are applying for an Oilfield Drilling Activities Grant, to repair streets directly affected by oilfield drilling activities. The grant will provide 75% funding up to \$500k. Last month we are passing an ordinance to adopt the currently approved Oklahoma State building codes (2018 version of International Building Codes and related codes, and 2020 version of the National Electric Code). The website has been updated to reference the now-current codes. The ODOT highway project was nearing completion, but did not include the section of highway in city limits from Homeland north to Adams Street. After discussions with ODOT, where they advised the next project in 2029 may address those issues, I built a report for ODOT engineers with many pictures detailing the appalling condition of that section of roadway, and asked that they include the repairs in the current project, while they still had equipment on site. They eventually agreed with my assessment and repaved that section of highway. Public Works had a DEQ inspection that was favorable, with few non-critical violations. The issues they identified will be addressed by our current water project, or routine maintenance.

Parks: The concrete walkways for the new bleachers at the ball field in the city park have been poured. Public works will add gravel and grade the dirt for grass edging and then set the new bleachers in place soon. All park properties are winterized.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager