



## City Manager's Report

August 9, 2023

**Admin:** Sales Tax, July: \$54,444.38. Use Tax, July: \$7,264.38. We are one month into Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 14.2% of expected revenues and spent 8.2% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 8.3% of expected revenues and spent 7.2% of budgeted expenses. The year is starting out on budget.

**Projects:** We are well under way on the water system improvement project. The project will eliminate the clearwell, which would otherwise be due for an expensive rehabilitation project and replace it with a modern in-line chlorinator. The \$543k project, will be funded by a \$401k REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) grant from ACOG (Association of Central Oklahoma Governments) and the balance from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Currently, most of the new waterline is installed. The chlorine room foundation is formed, waiting for the weather to pour. The metal roof trusses are built, the roof purlins are ready to pickup, and the balance of the materials are on site. The well location may remain in its existing location, or we may move the well site to another location we own on the property. Moving the site may provide more water...the test well will provide the necessary guidance. Another possible advantage of the new wellsite may be the opportunity to assign our water rights from the newly acquired property (and also the water rights available under the footprint of city limits) to the new wellsite, which would dramatically increase the city water rights allotment.

We are moving forward on our OWRB funded wastewater infrastructure project. The project will include a new wastewater lift station, pressure main and gravity sewer serving the south side of the city. The project engineering is moving forward at this time, and the DEQ permit has been submitted. Once the engineering is complete, the bidding process will begin.

The City has completed the purchase of 151 acres of land south of Crescent City Limits. This land, and possibly other privately held land will be annexed into City Limits, representing the largest growth Crescent has seen since 1893. We have developed an initial plat of the development for this property and formed a steering committee to assist the city with citizen feedback. We expect that input to continue to shape the development of that land. The steering committee will convene for the first time later this year. The committee includes members from the Chamber of Commerce, F&M Bank, local businesses, and community members.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager