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## City Manager's Report

October 10, 2023

**Admin:** Sales Tax, September: \$65,650.32. Use Tax: \$8,984.68. We are three months (25%) into Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 33.1% of expected revenues and spent 25.1% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 26.1% of expected revenues and spent 22.9% of budgeted expenses. The first quarter has wrapped up on budget.

**Projects:** The water system improvement project is well under way. The project will eliminate the clearwell, which would otherwise be due for an expensive rehabilitation 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. The new waterline is installed, sanitized, tested, and tied in at the south connection point. The new chlorinator is being assembled now. The north tie in will be completed after the new chlorinator is online, tested and fully functional. The test wells drilled between Well Site 1 & 2 did not produce significant water. The city purchased 1 acre of water near our existing well site #3 which produces good water and will be used for 2 well sites, one deemed Well #5 which will replace well #1 and another location (Well #6) to be developed in the future. After completion of the well at Well Site #5, the city will petition OWRB for a permit to operate the well and secure water rights the City has access to.

We are moving forward on our \$1M OWRB grant 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. Myers engineering will administer the construction and bidding process. Construction will likely start in the first part of calendar 2024, pending DEQ permit approval.

Code enforcement activity is going to increase dramatically this month. Currently, officers have identified 42 properties that will receive a 10 day notice. The city will add the list of addresses to the city website, so neighbors, friends and civic groups will be able to assist in cleaning up derelict properties and improve Crescent. As a reminder, all construction projects need to have a permit and proper zoning, before starting construction projects.

Church Has Left The Building, an annual town cleanup organized by First Baptist Church is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. They are likely to have 300 volunteers again this year. I would encourage anybody interested in helping the community and neighbors, by coming out on Sunday morning October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am....a delicious breakfast is included!

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager