



## City Manager's Report

November 14, 2023

**Admin:** Sales Tax, October: \$61,736.09. Use Tax: \$15,644.24. We are four months (33%) into Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 46.2% of expected revenues and spent 33.6% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 35.8% of expected revenues and spent 31.1% of budgeted expenses. We are continuing to operate within budget. Christmas bonuses will be paid to employees this year at the mid-November pay period, in time for early shopping deals. This year the city (through CPWA) will give each employee a Thanksgiving turkey or ham, as a thank you for helping us to reach our various diverse goals while keeping spending under control.

**Projects:** The water system improvement project is nearing completion. 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. A new well, deemed Well #5, was drilled on the new property. The city will now petition OWRB for a permit to operate the well and secure water rights the City has access to. The well needs to be tied into our existing raw water line. We have requested a 3-month extension from ACOG to allow more time for completion of this project.

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. We plan to put this project up for bid after Thanksgiving.

The road project, a \$667k projects funded by grants from ODOT and ACOG, will replace various roads including Railroad Ave, and parts of W. Washington, and repair other roads in that area, will be up for bid after Thanksgiving.

The city has received many exceptional applications for the position of Police Chief and I'm excited to begin the selection process soon. The police department is also hiring 2 new positions: a School Resource Officer (funded by a 3-year grant received from the school), and an Investigator/Patrol officer.

We applied for a \$260k REAP grant to make repairs on the elevated water tower. This project was previously awarded funding, but due to a budget shortfall, the agency awarding the grant (Oklahoma Water Resource Board) was unable to fund the grant. We are seeking funding from ACOG.



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The city is facing new challenges in the court system and police department, relating to new legislation surrounding Cost Warrants. The Court Clerk and the City Attorney are working to change systems and processes to comply with the new requirements. These changes also impact our Code Enforcement activity, so the changes will apply to that department as well.

At the Crescent Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, President Allison Dalke introduced a new set of by-laws (developed from a framework provided by the State and other local Chambers) and set a vote for a new board of directors. The new bylaws change the focus of the Chamber from the previous 'party planning committee' to a resource devoted to providing support and assistance for developing new business in Crescent. I am excited to see the positive change and look forward to great things to come from the new Crescent Chamber of Commerce.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager