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## City Manager's Report

December 12, 2023

**Admin:** Sales Tax, November: \$45,204.10. Use Tax: \$11,619.26. We are five months (42%) into Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 54.8% of expected revenues and spent 38.7% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 43.9% of expected revenues and spent 43.4% of budgeted expenses. We are continuing to operate within budget.

**Projects:** The water system improvement project is nearing completion. The \$543k project is primarily grant funded. The new waterline is now 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 received a 3-month extension from ACOG allowing 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. This project will open for bidding in January.

The road project, a \$667k project 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, is currently open for bidding. The bids will be opened on December 21<sup>st</sup>, and awarded at the January council meeting.

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 received a \$260k REAP grant to make repairs on the elevated water tower. The project will begin after a notice to proceed is received in midsummer.

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.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager