



City Manager's Report

April 9, 2024

Admin: Sales Tax, January: \$44,484.64. Use Tax: \$9,232.21. We are 75% through Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 92.7% of expected revenues and spent 81.2% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 76.8% of expected revenues and spent 75.6% of budgeted expenses. We are continuing to operate within budget.

Projects: 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 complete, and the DEQ permit has been submitted for approval. Once approved, Myers engineering will administer the construction and bidding process. Based on feedback from the DEQ permitting backlog, the construction will likely start in summer 2024.

The MRDAF road project is well underway. Railroad Ave is replaced and open. W. Washington is currently under construction. The project scope increased to include some storm drainage in the alley west of Grand behind Madison and Monroe. The contractor plans to start that work on April 11. I believe all work is proceeding in a timely manner. The project must be completed by May 10th for the contractor to avoid liquidated damages charges.

In February the Council voted to approve a \$259,482.89 REAP grant for rehabilitation of the elevated water tower. The project will begin after a notice to proceed is received in midsummer.

Last week the Council met in a special session to approve application for a \$332,500 grant application to the CWSRF (Clean Water State Revolving Fund) for system engineering. If this grant is received, the funds will be used to plan and engineer system improvements for the next decade.

The PWA has installed new ballfield lighting at the City Park. The LED lights use approximately 20% of the energy of the lights they replaced and provide much more usable light for athletes. There are additional improvements to that system planned which will include new electrical panels to replace the antique knife switch panels. Currently there are 4 different switches that must be manually turned on and off. In the future, there will be a 4-hour wind up timer that will only be available to function between the hours of 5pm to 10pm each night. Additionally, there will be an override key that will allow emergency services to turn on the lights at any time.

The FY2025 budget cycle planning is underway. The City will present the budget for approval at the next council meeting. We expect to, once again, present a balanced budget that will meet the needs of the public.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager