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## City Manager's Report

August 13, 2024

**Admin:** Sales Tax: \$43,452.07. Use Tax: \$10,380.31. We are 1 month (8.3%) in Fiscal Year 2025. In General Government, we have received 12.2% of expected revenues and spent 9.9% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we received 8.7% of expected revenues and spent 9.2% of budgeted expenses.

**Projects:** We are moving forward on our \$1M OWRB Funded Sewer Extension project. The project will include a new wastewater lift station, pressure main and gravity sewer serving the south side of the city. The DEQ permit has been approved. Myers engineering will administer the construction and bidding process. Based on feedback from the DEQ permitting backlog, the construction will likely start in fall 2024.

The MRDAF road project is nearly completed. There are a few asphalt overlays remaining and the project will be finished. This project is estimated at 90% completion and is expected to be fully completed within 15 days.

We are ready to begin our REAP grant funded rehabilitation of the elevated water tower. The competitive bidding process is underway. The winning bidder will be selected at the council meeting on August 13th. We expect the project to begin in fall 2024.

In July the OWRB will meet to award the grants to applicants. Crescent applied for a \$332,500 grant for system engineering. We received notification that we have been formally selected to receive this grant. We will receive the notice to proceed sometime after the August 20<sup>th</sup> OWRB board meeting.

The city is working with OWRB to securing the water rights that it is entitled to. We expect to be done with the project by winter. If approved as requested, the city will increase water rights by 440%. OWRB requested an updated map of the city, including each platted neighborhood, which we have provided. Continuing to move forward.

Police Chief Jim Bauman resigned on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He cited lack of personnel, insufficient budget and inadequate cars as reasons for leaving. Danny Hirom will now act as the Interim Police Chief. We have started to look for another Chief and are already receiving interest.

We are planning several abatements, including the Crescent Care Nursing Home. The owner has approximately one week left to remedy the property. After which time, the city will begin the abatement. We are expecting the project to take 160 man hours.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager