



City Manager's Report

May 11, 2021

Nationwide, approximately 153M people (46%) have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination. 107M people (32%) are fully vaccinated. (www.usafacts.org) Oklahoma Governor Stitt has lifted the emergency order. We expect business to increase as things to continue to trend toward, 'normal.'

Admin: Sales Tax, Jan: \$29,925.85 (-9.2 % previous month, -28.6% previous year). We are currently 83% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 77.2% of our planned expenditures and received 88.8% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 80.3% of our planned expenditures and received 85.2% of our expected revenues. Emergency Director Stephens is working with FEMA on the October storm damage claims. He is fortunate to be working with FEMA field rep John Beasley again. Biannual employee reviews are being scheduled now and will be complete by the end of the month. We are nearing completion of the FY22 budget. We intend to pass the budget resolution next week and submit the budget to USDA and the State by our deadline on May 30th. It is time to supplement our City Codes. I am looking into a legal review and recodification, along with a self-publishing software in the future, to make maintaining the codes easier, and searching the codes much easier for residents.

Projects: On May 6th, PWA finished its final round of storm debris collection from the October 2020 ice storm. The burn operations are underway. We have a DEQ burn permit secured until May 30th. We may be able to get another extension if necessary. PWA thinks the burn operation might be complete within time, if the weather cooperates. Residents who have storm debris they would like to bring to the burn debris staging site at the Community Center, must do so before May 17th when the final debris measurements are taken. Storm debris brought to the staging site after that date, will be refused.

Parks: Last month, I reported that I have been approached by several parents asking for improvements to the ball field lighting at the park. Jimmy Nealis asked if he could bring light plants to the park as a temporary solution to the problem. (Thank you!) I am continuing to search for funding opportunities for park lighting. The city has ordered 2 additional porta-potties (total 4) at the park to improve sanitation during baseball season and 2 more (total 6) for the Fourth of July celebration.

Library: The Library is seeing an increasing number of visitors and signed up two new patrons. The library is still offering curbside delivery as well. This month, the library hosted 12 kids who made Easter wind machines. On May 7th the library hosted a birdhouse build. Registration for the Summer Reading Program is now open. This year's theme is Tails and Tales. The program will start June 1st and continue through July 9th.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager