



## City Manager's Report

September 13, 2022

**Admin:** Sales Tax, July: \$40,709.44. Use Tax, July: \$7,024.12. We have completed two months of Fiscal Year 2023, so we are 16.7% into our annual budget. In General Government, we have received 19.2% of expected revenues and spent 17.0% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 18.3% of expected revenues and spent 19.1% of budgeted expenses. As expected, the budget numbers are trending toward our budgetary norms. We expect that trend to continue.

**Projects:** We received the notice to proceed with our water treatment plant upgrade. The project will eliminate the clearwell and replace it with a modern inline chlorinator. The \$543k project, will be funded by a \$401k REAP grant from ACOG and the balance from ARPA funds. Myers Engineering is currently working to build the bid package. When complete, the project will be up for competitive bid. Myers Engineering will publicly request bids on the project which will be publicly opened and selected by City Council. The bid process and all work will be administered by Myers Engineering. I will provide monthly updates on the progress of the project. We are currently working on a regular (but time consuming) USDA audit. We applied for a \$150k grant and will apply for a second grant in the amount of \$100k. The project will rehabilitate the elevated water tower, in the city yard, west of town. The tower built in the 1980's needs to be repainted and the interior recoated. In addition, several parts of the tower structure are rusted and need to be repaired. The estimated cost of that project is \$259k.

**Parks:** The old concrete stadium at the baseball field has been torn down. Today we expect to receive the new aluminum 5 tier stadium which is appropriate for more than 80 people. The Public Works department will assemble the stands in the next couple weeks. If, in the future, we decide to change the configuration of the ball field from the current configuration of 1 baseball field to 2 t-ball fields, we will be able to order a matching 5 tier stadium for the new field. We are beginning to formally plan for the park restroom facility. Timing will depend on the reimbursement of grants and FEMA projects. We intend to have the facility completed by spring 2023.

**Library:** The library has seen a slight decrease in visitors for the month with a total of seventy-two, including twenty-one computer/ Wi-Fi users & 1 new patron. Events for September include a scavenger hunt the week on the 5<sup>th</sup>, a pinecone critter craft on the 16<sup>th</sup> and story time and a craft on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager