

City Manager's Report

March 14, 2023

Admin: Sales Tax, February: \$41,026.57. Use Tax, February: \$8,830.63. We are 67% through Fiscal Year 2023. In General Government, we have received 71.0% of expected revenues and spent 66.9% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 70.2% of expected revenues and spent 72.9% of budgeted expenses. We remain on track with our budgetary plan.

Projects: We are progressing with our water treatment plant upgrade project. The project will eliminate the clearwell, which would otherwise be due for an expensive rehabilitation project, and replace it with a modern in-line chlorinator. The \$543k project, will be funded by a \$401k REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) grant from ACOG (Association of Central Oklahoma Governments) and the balance from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The DEQ application has been submitted, and Myers Engineering is working on the bid package.

We are planning a \$300k rehabilitation of the City water tower located in the city yard, west of Pine Street. The project was intended to be funded with 2 REAP grants from ACOG and OWRB (Oklahoma Water Resources Board). The ACOG grant is expected to proceed as expected, but the OWRB grant will likely not fund this fiscal year due to a budget shortfall. I am working find the balance of the funds necessary to proceed with the complete project.

We were successful in our \$1M ARPA grant application with OWRB, to be used for wastewater infrastructure projects including a new wastewater lift station to provide sewer services to unserved areas of the city. The project is in the engineering phase now.

We were successful in our MRDAF (Municipal Road Drilling Activities Fund) Grant application, which will provide \$500k of grant funding toward a \$672k project. We are working with oil field services companies within the City Limits of Crescent to raise much of the \$172k of matching funds necessary to repair the city street damaged by oilfield truck traffic.

We are pursuing 2 more grant opportunities. The first application will be a \$1M grant project that will be used for water system improvements, including removing the duplicate fire hydrants left by a previous water system project. The second application will be for a \$1M grant to be used for sewer system improvements, including replacing aging lines within the city limits that cause sewer line obstructions.

In the last 12 months, the City has won approximately \$2.3M in competitive grants, and is seeking an additional \$2M in grant funding.

To manage all this activity, the City is implementing Microsoft Project, which will be used by our staff, our engineering firm, and any construction companies employed on these projects. Once fully implemented, all stakeholders in the projects will have visibility of the timelines, deliverables and performance metrics used in evaluating progress and milestones on the projects they are involved with.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager