

## City Manager's Report

July 11, 2023

Admin: Sales Tax, July: \$54,444.38. Use Tax, July: \$7,264.38. We have completed Fiscal Year 2023. In General Government, we have received 107.1% of expected revenues and spent 94.2% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 103.9% of expected revenues and spent 93.5% of budgeted expenses. The year is wrapping up on budget. We have started Fiscal Year 2024 and are expecting a busy year with many construction projects.

Projects: Tonight, we will award a bidder 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. We have set a construction start date of July 15, pending permit approval.

We are moving forward on our OWRB 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 moving forward at this time. We will start the bidding process in late July.

The City has completed the purchase of 151 acres of land south of Crescent City Limits. This land, and other privately held land that will be annexed into City Limits, will represent the largest growth Crescent has seen since 1893. We have developed an initial plat of the development for this property and formed a steering committee to assist the city with citizen feedback. We expect that input to continue to shape the development of that land. The steering committee will convene for the first time in mid-July. The committee includes members from the Chamber of Commerce, F&M Bank, local businesses, and community members.

The Glory Days July 4<sup>th</sup> event, organized by the Crescent Chamber of Commerce, was a departure from our past celebrations. It was a good idea to limit the activities to the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>, as it has proven problematic to fill the afternoon lull in past years. The event was held at the Football stadium this year, and there have been some reports of limited shade. Moving the event was driven by the fireworks display at the Anderson property south of the softball field. The city is researching the feasibility of reducing the size of the largest fireworks, in an effort to bring the fireworks show and activities back to the park.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager