



City Manager's Report

January 9, 2024

Admin: Sales Tax, November: \$52,789.50. Use Tax: \$13,096.78. We are at the ½ way point in Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 64.5% of expected revenues and spent 49.5% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 52.6% of expected revenues and spent 52.7% of budgeted expenses. We are continuing to operate within budget.

Projects: The water system improvement project is nearing completion. The new chlorinator is being programmed and tested now. The north tie in will be completed after the new chlorinator is fully functional. Well #5 property purchase is complete, and the well is nearing completion. The city will now petition OWRB for a permit to operate the well and secure water rights the City has access to.

We are moving forward on our \$1M OWRB grant 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, and the DEQ permit has been submitted. Myers engineering will administer the construction and bidding process. Construction will likely start in the first part of calendar 2024, pending DEQ permit approval. This project will open for bidding in January.

The road project, a \$678k project funded by grants from ODOT and ACOG, will replace various roads including Railroad Ave, and parts of W. Washington, and repair other roads in that area. In the January council meeting the council will award the project to the lowest bidder. The project scope increased to include some storm drainage in the alley west of Grand behind Madison and Monroe. This drainage will help to dewater the downtown buildings and preserve the asphalt by reducing standing water.

This month the City hired Jim Bauman as Police Chief and hired 3 new officers (1 full-time, 1 full-time School Resource Officer, 1 part-time) and added several reserve officers.

We received a \$260k REAP grant to make repairs on the elevated water tower. The project will begin after a notice to proceed is received in midsummer.

The city is facing new challenges in the court system and police department, relating to new legislation surrounding Cost Warrants. The Court Clerk and the City Attorney are working to change systems and processes to comply with the new requirements. These changes also impact our Code Enforcement activity, so the changes will apply to that department as well.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager