



## City Manager's Report

February 13, 2024

**Admin:** Sales Tax, January: \$48,955.59. Use Tax: \$13,533.85. We are 58% through Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 74.8% of expected revenues and spent 57.8% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we have received 60.5% of expected revenues and spent 60.1% of budgeted expenses. We are continuing to operate within budget.

**Projects:** The water system improvement project is nearing completion. The new chlorinator is operational and the north tie in will be completed by the end of the week. Well #5 is nearing completion, pending installation of power by OG&E. The water quality tests have passed and been submitted to OWRB and DEQ. 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 complete, and the DEQ permit has been submitted for approval. Once approved, Myers engineering will administer the construction and bidding process. Based on feedback from the DEQ permitting backlog, the construction will likely start in summer 2024.

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. 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. After the competitive bidding process, the contract was awarded to Ellsworth Construction. The pre-construction meeting was completed February 8<sup>th</sup>. Construction will begin on March 21<sup>st</sup> and be completed by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We received a notice of award from the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) for a \$259,482.89 REAP grant for rehabilitation of the elevated water tower. The project will begin after a notice to proceed is received in midsummer. At the February council meeting, the council will vote to accept this grant.

Crescent met with the Center For Economic Development Law to discuss setting up a TIF District (Tax Increment Financing) in the area of our south development project. The TIF District, if implemented, will provide funding for public portions of the project and help the City to attract developers to the project. The meeting helped us to determine the timeline, costs and process for setting up the TIF District and what approval and implementation might look like.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager