

City Manager's Report

July 9, 2024

Admin: Sales Tax, June: \$48,486.29. Use Tax: \$8,648.31. We have completed Fiscal Year 2024. In General Government, we have received 93.2% of expected revenues and spent 91.6% of budgeted expenses. (Footnote: The revenue total was adjusted down by way of budget adjustment for \$149,999 to represent a REAP grant that did not fund by the end of the fiscal year. The grant is expected to fund this month. If the revenue total would have included these grant funds, the revenue number would have been 104.8%) In Public Works, we received 99.5% of expected revenues and spent 93.9% of budgeted expenses. We closed out Fiscal Year 2024 nicely and are now operating in Fiscal Year 2025.

Projects: 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 fall 2024. On Monday, we were informed the project is in engineering review at DEQ at this time.

The MRDAF road project is still underway. The storm drainage in the alley west of Grand between Madison and Monroe is underway. After the storm drain is completed, there are a few asphalt overlays remaining and the project will be finished. This project is estimated at 80% completion and is expected to be fully completed within 30 days.

We have received the notice to proceed with a \$259,482.89 REAP grant for rehabilitation of the elevated water tower. The competitive bidding process is underway. The bids will be opened July 10th and the contract awarded at the next council meeting on August 13th. We will be looking for ideas for a painted logo design after school opens on August 8th. We expect the project to begin in the fall.

In July the OWRB will meet to award the grants to applicants. Crescent applied for a \$332,500 grant for system engineering. We scored well on this grant application and are expected to win. More information when it becomes available.

The city is working with OWRB to securing the water rights that it is entitled to. We expect to be done with the project by winter. If approved as requested, the city will increase water rights by 440%.

The city was hit by an unexpected storm on June 24th. Although the storm was relatively localized, it caused significant damage in Midwest City, Oklahoma City, Edmond, Cedar Valley, Guthrie, Cashion, and Crescent. Crescent was the hardest hit, with 49 of the 160 broken OG&E poles needing replacement to restore power. The storm damaged many properties and devastated the electrical infrastructure in Crescent. Compounding the situation, the storm struck during the hottest days of the year, with heat indexes exceeding 110°F.



In response, the city took protective measures within 24 hours, providing a cooling station and food resources for those unable to stay cool. Residents, churches, Oklahoma Emergency Management, the Red Cross, and Crescent Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments all worked together to mitigate the storm's impact. Crescent Public Works prioritized initial cleanup efforts in Crescent City Park and the downtown area to prepare for the July 4th celebration. Currently, they are focused on clearing debris from the streets, with work expected to be completed by Thursday.

The Fourth of July celebration was a smashing success this year. The Chamber of Commerce worked hard to put on a great event. Many residents expressed joy that the event was held exclusively at the park this year, and said the fireworks show was the best Crescent has ever seen.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager