



City Manager's Report

November 12, 2024

Admin: Sales Tax: \$50,794.85. Use Tax: \$11,241.61. We are 4 months (33%) into Fiscal Year 2025. In General Government, we have received 48.0% of expected revenues and spent 33.2% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we received 41.3% of expected revenues and spent 33.6% of budgeted expenses. We are operating within budget.

Projects: We are moving forward on our \$1M OWRB Funded Sewer Extension project. The project includes a new wastewater lift station, pressure main and gravity sewer serving the south side of the city. We completed the bidding process. Tonight, the City Council will award the project phases to the lowest bidders. Myers engineering will administer the construction project. We expect the project to start within 3 months.

The MRDAF road project is completed. We completed the project on budget and added some additional work to get our project total to \$673k, where we maximize the grant benefit. The workmanship looks great. Shout out to Ellsworth Construction. We have applied for another \$500k MRDAF grant for East Van Buren.

The city has made two ACOG REAP grant applications, and assisted Logan County District 3 in making an application. The first application is for \$150k to supplement the city sewer expansion project. The second application is for \$150k to be used for roadway improvements on Sanderson (Dover Crescent) and to supplement the MRDAF project on East Van Buren. The County application was for a roadway project on Sanderson.

Hanaco has had materials on-site for the water tower rehabilitation project. Work started Saturday, October 5th. Work is progressing, however, the project went into liquidated damages on October 21. We expect the contractor to finish the project in a timely manner.

The city is working with OWRB to secure the water rights that it is entitled to. We expect to be done with the project by winter. OWRB reduced the area requested in our application, as some of the areas within City limits are not platted. We will continue to pursue a permit for all the area we believe we are entitled to claim.

The city has been working with Thomas Varghese, the new owner of the property located at 208 E Sanderson, formerly known as the Crescent Care Nursing Home. Mr. Varghese plans to turn the property into apartments. This is Mr. Varghese's first property rehab project. Mr. Varghese contacted architect, Tony Blatt, for help developing the property.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager