



City Manager's Report

January 14, 2025

Admin: Sales Tax: \$36,842.05. Use Tax: \$12,640.46. We are halfway through Fiscal Year 2025. In General Government, we have received 63.6% of expected revenues and spent 52.5% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we received 57.7% of expected revenues and spent 56.1% 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. Last month Council awarded the contracts to Mach Energy and United Trenching. Equipment is now on-site and work is beginning.

The City has applied for another \$500k MRDAF (Municipal Road Drilling Activity Fund) grant for East Van Buren, on a project expected to cost \$667k. We have not heard the results of that application at this time.

The City made two ACOG REAP (Association of Central Oklahoma Governments, Rural Economic Action Plan) grant applications each for \$150k, and assisted Logan County District 3 in making a \$200k application.. All the ACOG REAP grant applications were successful.

The City applied for a \$150k OWRB REAP (Oklahoma Water Resource Board) grant for water system improvements. The grant was scored well, but OWRB will not know if they have funds to award until 2025.

Hanaco is nearing completion on the water tower rehabilitation project. On January 14th an independent inspection was performed and will be used to generate a punch list for final completion items. Hanaco has until January 31st to complete all work before liquidated damages begin again.

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 have agreed to continue the application with only platted locations at this time, but plan to appeal the decision after the initial water rights are granted.

The Chamber of Commerce Gala will be February 3rd at 6:30pm at the Westwood Barn in Guthrie. The city will present a State Of The City address as part of the evenings activities. The event will feature dinner, drinks and awards. The dress is black tie, and tickets are \$65. www.crescentareachamber.com

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager