



City Manager's Report

December 10, 2024

Admin: Sales Tax: \$54,912.48. Use Tax: \$14,052.24. We are 5 months (41.6%) into Fiscal Year 2025. In General Government, we have received 54.9% of expected revenues and spent 46.1% of budgeted expenses. In Public Works, we received 49.7% of expected revenues and spent 43.1% 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. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for later this month. The project is expected to start within 3 months.

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 working on the water tower rehabilitation project. Work started Saturday, October 5th. Work is progressing, however, the project went into liquidated damages on October 21. The preparation for painting uncovered a badly rusted riser tube (AKA fill pipe) caused by the rigid insulation used when the water tank was originally constructed. The riser could not be safely recoated without replacement. To that end, the Council will award a change order to Hanaco for the replacement of the riser.

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 Christmas in Crescent event was a wonderful success. This year, the tree lighting was followed by a drone show. The Community Enrichment Foundation and Chamber of Commerce did a great job. Special shout out to Crescent Public Works who installed all the Christmas lights up main street and at the tree.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager