



# City of Chickasha

## Operational Update

### Week of March 21, 2016

#### **Public Works**

Public Works crews are continuing to install the water line along Kansas behind the Washita Theater. This line is needed to feed the new fire sprinkler system to be installed at the theater. In addition to serving the theater, a new fire hydrant was installed on Kansas improving Fire service to the area as a hole. During this project crews discovered old water lines that are not in use any longer and have been covered for years.



From USW - The Public Notice that went out to the Utility Bill Customers stated that we would be switching to Chloramines March 23, 2016. However, after the message was sent out the timeframe changed. We are now looking at some time in May or June before we will actually be changing to chloramines due to changes in programming and design changes. The baseline testing has been completed and we have notified the public about the chloramine change in advance. George with 105.5 interviewed Chris Jones and he was able to state that it would be in May or June. I am working on a new Public Notice to put in the Utility Bills and will be addressing this change.

#### **Police**

During the last two weeks Code Enforcement has been working with IBTS contract inspectors to conduct sweeps of every Chickasha neighborhood to enforce the updated property maintenance codes. During this initial effort we will be identifying properties that have issues with debris or junked vehicles, severe exterior structural damage or are lacking more than 60%-70% of the outside surface painted. While we will expect compliance within 10 days for the debris and inoperable vehicles, we will be providing property owners a six-month window to make repairs or paint their exteriors to bring the property up to code.

We are in the process of recruiting and signing up volunteers to assist those homeowners who do not have the financial ability to make the repairs or paint. Originally planned for the week of April 10, this effort is going to be postponed until May. Chickasha Public Schools has offered to provide a significant amount of assistance, however, they are in the middle of testing in April, so we thought it would be best to postpone until later. Numbers are currently being processed and will be provided in the next update.

On April 4 from 1:00 PM to 4 PM the Chickasha Police Department will host an open house at the refurbished Communication Center in the basement of Fire Station #2. Please come and see the improvements that have been. Thank you to the City Council for funding the emergency repairs and making a safe working environment for our Dispatchers.

### **Fire**

On Saturday, April 16 from 10:30 to 12:30 the Chickasha Fire Department in conjunction with Oklahoma Safe Kids will be conducting a car seat check at Fire Station #1. Parents with kids in car seats are encouraged to come and drive through the bay to have a free check to ensure their car seat is properly secure and will protect their children as intended. Chickasha PD will also be on hand to assist and manage the traffic safely.

### **Library**

April 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 the Chickasha Library will be having an open house and celebration of the new Children's Area. Please make plans to come check it and bring a friend!

The Friends of the Library Spring Used Book Sale will be held at the Library 527 W. Iowa on April 21 – 24, 2016. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 21 4:30 – 8:00 for Friends of the Library Members

Friday, April 22, 10:00 – 7:00, open to the public

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 – 3:00, open to the public

Sunday, April 24, 1:00 – 3:00, open to the public \$3 bag day, we provide the bags.

## Administration

I am attaching the results of the My Community. My Money. My Choice. campaign. In summary, we had 168 active participants. Of those, 93.6% felt the amount of taxes they paid for City services were about right or too low. For all the services listed, more than 90% of the participants felt that all of the services were important or very important, and overall 93.3% would prefer to vote to reallocate the sales tax than reduce services.

## Community Development

**There was no Projects meeting this week. This is last week's report on development activity.**

There are a number of developments at various stages of the process. The color coded stages are represented by: Green – completed; Red – Halted; Yellow – In process; and Gray – Incomplete. The stages of the development are above the identified project.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – Underground plumbing for the kitchen and restrooms complete.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Additional construction plans under discussion. Staff is monitoring for activity.



Bronco Truck Stop (formerly Conoco Fuel Station) (3505 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) – Final HVAC inspection this week.



Teague Body Shop – 1305 E. Choctaw – Main framing completed. Awaiting an electrician.



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street –Comments provided to architect and engineer.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Met with developer and reviewed permit process. Anticipate first permit submittal next week.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Brick finish on site.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Demolition of the former Arby’s building scheduled for March 23.



Subway – 1525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Parking construction underway.



New restaurant (former Eduardo’s) – 3525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street- Reviewed preliminary floor plans.



J Danielle Salon and Color Bar – 2721 Ponderosa – Interior painting 80% completed. Shelving installed.



New Life Christian Church – 1828 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street - Permit picked up.



Chickasha Travel Plaza – 2200 Highway 62 – Plat completed and filed. Awaiting ODEQ approval to release earth moving permit.



New Song Church – 1101 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street – Certificate of Occupancy issued.



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Awaiting electrician.



Mike's Beef Jerky – 102 W. Kansas – Rough in plumbing installed and flood-proofing completed.



New China – 510 W. Grand Avenue – Permits issued. Demolition complete.



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Permit issued.



Canadian Valley Technology Center – 1401 Michigan Avenue - Permit issued.



OK Carpet – 1502 Missouri Avenue – Flooring poured and framing started.



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa – Plat completed and filed. Site plan received and under review.



Shollie's Bakery – 118 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street – New bakery. Permit issued.

Washita Construction is scheduled to continue the demolition of the former Pool Mortgage building this weekend. Staff met with the contractor on Friday to investigate the status of the project. The contractor informed the City that he had started to put in fill dirt and that he had left a trench along the wall of the Chamber building. He recommended that the wall be waterproofed before the trench was filled.

Staff contacted Chamber officials about the recommendation. They requested we contact the contractor and request that the trench be left open until they could

address it. Staff reached out to the contractor who agreed to postpone filling in the trench until the Chamber could get someone in there.

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