



City of Chickasha Operational Update Week of March 14, 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. This project is a joint venture between the City, the Chickasha Community Theater and the Chickasha Community Foundation. The City's share is funded from the Economic Development Sales Tax. When this project is completed the theater will be able to be used year-round.



Crews have been working on the demolition of 923 Minnesota Avenue. This property had been damaged by a fire and the owners turned over the deed to the property recently. There is a significant amount of material at the site and will take at least 3-4 days to remove it all. The removal of this property will significantly improve the overall appearance.

Public crews created an alley way behind the Dr. Pepper building so DP could relocate their dumpster to that location and get it off of 3rd Street. This is just one example of where we have worked with a commercial property to come into compliance with the new dumpster regulation at little or not cost.



Another project that Public Works assisted with was the creation of a gravel road at the Sports Complex which enable vehicles to better access the practice fields and also, provide access to additional parking during large tournaments.

Police

In January and February, the Animal Shelter had more than 260 volunteer hours. At the volunteer rate of \$24.20 per hour, the City received \$6,293 of value from these volunteers. That is the equivalent of .75 FTE's!

On 03/14/16 Low Point Beer compliance checks were conducted in the City of Chickasha. Of twenty stores, three sold to underage youth. Those violations were as follows: Loves # 95 (1001 W. Choctaw Ave.), Cave Mart (527 S. 4th St.), and Dollar General #3197 (527 W. Grand Ave.)

In each instance the clerk who sold the beer was issued a citation. The fine associated with the citation is \$543.00.

This is the second time in six months Loves North has sold to underage youth, and the third time in a year for both Loves stores. This is the first offense for Cave Mart since Jan 2015.



Members of the College Heights Baptist Church youth group brought 50 goody bags for the personnel of the Chickasha Police Department to snack on. Thank you College Heights Baptist Church!

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.



Chickasha Fire Department paramedics spent the last three days attending the Multi-Lead Medics Program created by Bob Page, a national EMS 12-Lead and cardiology instructor. Fire Department medics learned to interpret and treat 12-Lead rhythm strips from patients who are experiencing chest pain or STEMI events. One of our medics had an opportunity to do just that only fifteen minutes after the first day of class. The seminar was so well received by the attendees and the 522 Board that they have decided to host, one for sure, but maybe even two national EMS speakers every year here in Chickasha. Thank you to the

County 522 EMS Board and the City of Chickasha for putting us in the position to make a positive change in the lives of our citizens.

Hello Chief Zalewski,

Thank you for hosting the 3-day seminar by Bob Page. Bob is an incredible speaker and an incredible educator. He is a tremendous resource for EMS and a model patient advocate. I feel this seminar should be a mandatory seminar for everyone in EMS. This has changed my approach to patient care! – An email sent to Chief Zalewski after the event.

Finance

Congratulations to Gina Snedeker who has been chosen to serve on the OML Municipal Liaison Board. This group has been working on HB 1875, modifying and streamlining contracts between the Oklahoma Tax Commission and municipalities, and is now working with the OTC and legislative leaders on compliance and efficiency issues regarding the 150 sales tax exemptions. This is a key position for Chickasha to have a seat at the table.

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

After City employees carbo-loaded at the baked potato fund raiser (\$258 net!) City employees and family members met out at the Chickasha Sports Complex and participated in the first City employee St. Patty's Day 5K Run/Walk. This was a great first time event with 55 participants with the members of the Chickasha Fire Department sweeping the top three places. Jonathon Rempe, Josh Gregston and

Allen Moore were the top finishers coming in just over 24 minutes! Special thanks to the Wellness Committee including Summer Sanders, Lillie Huckaby, Susan Jones, Elip Moore (and his wife in the Minion outfit!) and Lena Smith for their hard work. Big shout out to Jared White, Sports and Recreation Coordinator for putting together a great winding, flat course that was fun but challenging. The City will be having additional 5K events throughout the year. **These events are eligible for Wellness points as we work toward better health and great prizes.**



Parks and Recreation

The construction of the pavilion at Centennial Park continues. The concrete footings were poured this week and required seven days of curing. Construction should start in earnest next week. Parks crews have started spraying for thistles on City property around town this week.

Community Development

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. 4th Street – Additional construction plans under discussion. Staff is monitoring for activity.



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



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



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th 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. 4th Street – Parking construction underway.



New restaurant (former Eduardo’s) – 3525 S. 4th 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. 13th 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. 16th Street – Certificate of Occupancy issued.



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4th 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. 5th 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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