



# City of Chickasha Operational Update Week of March 7, 2016

## Public Works

Public Works crews are installing 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.



## Police

These are two of the students that volunteered at the Animal Shelter during the USAO Drover Difference Day. The volunteers made a big difference playing with the animals and doing some of the "cleanup" duty. We truly appreciate our volunteers and the students at USAO.

## 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.



Members of the Fire Department finished their fourth ropes class this week learning how to move patients across open areas such as building to building. These scenarios involved using multiple rope lines, tripods, and natural and man-made anchor

points. Crews have done all of the ropes training to prepare for the upcoming Confined Space Rescue Course and the Trench Rescue Course, all of which are funded by Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and training provided by Oklahoma State University-Fire Service Training.

Kristal Kuhn, Emergency Management Director, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the Southwest Emergency Management Conference in Lawton. Topics included after action review of the active shooter incident in Tillman County and the mass casualty incident that occurred during homecoming of the Oklahoma State University football season.

The new ambulance billing contract continues to produce good results. January collections totaled \$111,424.

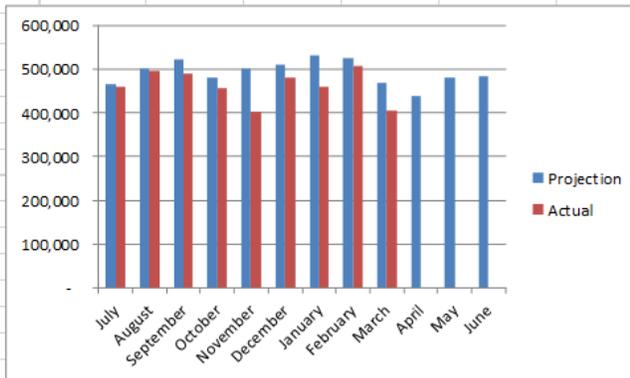
## Finance

The Finance Department staff is gearing up for the change out of the water meters City-wide. The City Council awarded a contract to Sensus to change over from a manual meter reading system to an automated meter reading (AMR) system. All water customers will be receiving a letter explaining the conversion and making them aware that Sensus workers working in their yard replacing the meter.

The new meters will increase accuracy and speed up the reading process ensuring that all customers will have their meters read every 30 days. Currently, we have had only one meter technician, lengthening the time between reads and inadvertently increasing customer bills. The other benefit is that staff will be able to identify when a customer has a leak, turn the meter off from the office and save the customer money and potential damage to their property. This project was funded from oil and mineral royalties collected from Lake Chickasha.

We received our sales tax figures for March. Revenues were down \$64,000 from projections, or 13.5%. Overall for FY2016 we are down 7.8% in the General Fund. A number of steps have been taken to offset this reduction in revenue and we will continue to monitor and manage it for the final three months of the fiscal year. On a bright note Use tax continues to outperform projections. We received \$53,600 in March and have received 95% of budgeted revenues with three months remaining in the fiscal year. Let me know if you need additional information.

General Fund Sales Tax				
	FY16	FY16		
	Projection	Actual	Diff	% Diff
July	465,329	460,051	(5,278)	-1.1%
August	501,931	494,122	(7,809)	-1.6%
September	523,108	488,234	(34,874)	-6.7%
October	479,717	456,049	(23,668)	-4.9%
November	502,252	401,899	(100,353)	-20.0%
December	509,379	481,581	(27,798)	-5.5%
January	530,730	459,561	(71,169)	-13.4%
February	527,051	508,708	(18,343)	-3.5%
March	469,574	405,597	(63,977)	-13.6%
April	438,172			
May	479,589			
June	483,168			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,910,000</b>	<b>4,155,802</b>	<b>(353,269)</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>



## **Library**

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.

The Chocolate Celebration raised over \$5,000 for the Friends of the Library. The funds are going to go toward the Children's area and a microfilm reader.

## **Administration**

Looking for a filling lunch? Next Thursday, March 17, the City Christmas Party Committee is holding a fundraiser. For \$7.00 you can get a fully loaded baked potato with your choice of fillings including chili or broccoli and cheese, along with a drink and dessert (or fruit). All the money raised will go toward door prizes for the party. Potatoes can also be delivered to your location.

And after you have carbo-loaded come and join other City employees and family members that same day in the first City employee St. Patty's Day 5K Run/Walk. Come have fun meeting employees from other departments and their families at the Chickasha Sports Complex. Jared White, Sports and Recreation Coordinator has put together a winding, flat course where you can get some sun while having fun. Challenge yourself to have a personal best or come and set your time for the first time. The City will be having additional 5K events throughout the year. **These events are also eligible for Wellness points as we work toward better health and great prizes.**

## 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.



Resurrection House –State Fire Marshal scheduled for final inspection Monday.



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) – Interior trim underway.



Teague Body Shop – 1305 E. Choctaw – Main framing completed. Siding complete.



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



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Meeting set with developer next week to review building permit process and receive first permit request.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Rough in electrical started.



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 – Exterior painting underway.



New restaurant (former Eduardo's) – 3525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street- No movement this week.



J Danielle Salon and Color Bar – 2721 Ponderosa – Interior trim underway.



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 – Interior trim underway.



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – No movement this week.



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 will go by periodically to ensure that all safety protocols are being followed.

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