



City of Chickasha

Operational Update

Week of February 29, 2016

### **Public Works**

Public Works crews continue to work on projects improving the quality of life in Chickasha every day. Crews are running the clam shell truck 7-days per week and 10 hours per day to get to the remaining tree limbs throughout the City. Since the ice storms during the Thanksgiving weekend, Public Works has picked up 5,038 cubic yards of tree limbs at 775 stops. This schedule will continue until the limbs are substantially removed. As a reminder, residents will receive one free load removed. There have been some incidents where it appears that a tree trimming company has added to the pile. It is the responsibility of the company to remove the limbs from the property.

Public Works has identified some drainage issues at the Chickasha Municipal Airport. Crews will be clearing some of the drainage ways and properly preparing them so that storm water doesn't back up and can move to the creek unimpeded.

Crews are currently addressing another drainage problem under the overpass near 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Country Club Road. Crews have been cleaning the brush around and underneath the bridge. This was identified by a state bridge inspector and brought to our attention.



A considerable amount of work is occurring at the cemetery. Tree trimming has been going on in full force and piles of unusable dirt are being removed to the wastewater plant. MTZ Construction prepared a concrete drain around the mausoleum which

was needed to carry water away from the structure.

## Police

Derek Hunt has been named the Officer of the Year by his peers in the Chickasha Police Department. Denise Hannon has been named the Civilian of the Year. Both will be recognized at the Police awards event later in the year. Congratulations to both Derek and Denise on this important recognition!



The Chickasha Police Department received \$2,050 in donations to provide armored vests for the Department's two new canines. This was an extremely generous gift from the community and will improve the safety for these members of our department when they put themselves in harm's way. Thank you to Taylor

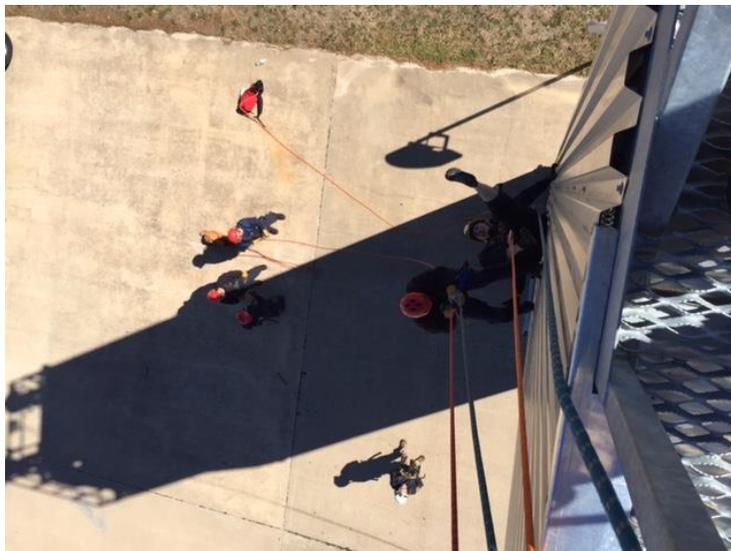
Shebester – American Farmers and Ranchers Insurance, KOOL 105, First National Bank and Trust, John Holt Chevrolet, Charles Allen Ford and Cimmaron Veterinarian Hospital, and Marie and Bobby Matson who spearheaded the drive!

Daniel Ramirez, the newest member of the Chickasha Police Department scored a 100% on the written exam at CLEET. The CLEET representative who has been administering the exam for more than 10 years informed us that she could not remember anyone ever receiving a perfect score. Congratulations Officer Ramirez!

## **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.

Personnel from the Fire Department spent Wednesday and Thursday training on advanced rope rescue techniques using funding provided by Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. Crews used the training they received in the past rope rescue



courses as the base for this week and next weeks advanced rope rescue training. The skills worked on this week included pick off straps, removing victims from multi-story buildings, ascending ropes to achieve a rescue (not easy because you are going up the rope instead of down), and bringing unresponsive patients

down in stokes baskets. The majority of this training was at the advanced level which meant the instructors told the crews what the emergency was and the crews had to develop an action plan to accomplish the rescue.

Emergency Management Coordinator Kristal Kuhn has been at Oklahoma OKFIRST training working on reading the radar. This is very important as we approach tornado season. EMC Kuhn and Chief Zalewski recently attended MIPS training. Chief Steele was in attendance today. MIPS stands for Mass Immunization/ Prophylaxis Strategy. The City is working with state and county officials to develop a table top exercise for April 28<sup>th</sup> in case there were an outbreak that affected a large population. As a MIPS partner, we would assist as needed in the process. In the case of PD, they would assist with security of the medications and traffic. The Fire Department would administer vaccinations or help give oral medications.

### **Library**

Follow the hyperlink to the March edition of the Chickasha Public Library Newsletter. [March newsletter.pdf \(1.9 MB\)](#)

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**

Lena Smith, Assistant City Manager continues to make headway at the Chickasha Municipal Airport. She is in the process of preparing a conceptual construction plan to address the need for hangar space and meeting facilities at the Airport. Staff will be making a presentation on the Airport at the March 14 work session including proposed improvements and uses for the Armory building. We are also working on a new contract with Chickasha Wings which operates a flight school.

The City Manager met with the Junior Leadership Class from Chickasha Middle School a couple of weeks ago. We discussed the role of local government, the role of City Council and the various departments that carry out municipal services. The class then went on a tour of City facilities including the Animal Shelter, Fire Station #1 and the Police Station. The students were attentive and inquisitive and they seem to learn a lot about Chickasha. Who is that distinguished gentleman sitting on the left side of the room?



Staff met this week with FMA officials regarding the sinkhole at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Chickasha Avenue. We are pleased to announce that the City will be reimbursed 75% of the \$511,000 spent on the project, or approximately \$383,000. Great job, Steve Chapman and Brian Zalewski!

### **Community Development**

Wednesday, March 2nd, Beth Wilhelm with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board met with Community Development staff to review development that has

occurred in special flood hazard areas of the city. Forty-two sites were identified as new development in the past 5+ years within flood hazard areas. Staff provided all the required documentation verifying the city's floodplain regulations were implemented properly. There are a few areas that need to be addressed in terms of removal of outside storage in floodplain areas. Staff will be contacting

property owners in these areas to work with them in relocating potentially dangerous materials washing away during a flood.

AEP/PSO has leased property at 300 E. Country Club Road as a laydown yard for supplies and materials they will be using this summer to make repairs and upgrades to their systems in Chickasha. Staff will be requesting that PSO send out letters to neighbors informing them of the situation. Last summer ODT leased the same space and the crews working out of the lot worked at night on Highway 81. This was very disruptive to the neighbors. PSO will be working during the day and we want to be sure to inform the neighbors that this will be different.

The ownership group of the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn have informed Community Development that both buildings will be undergoing remodeling.

We were pleased to find out that the first home has been sold at Sleepy Hollow! Additional homes are under contract. Hopefully, this is a good sign for the Chickasha economy and we will see more activity as we move into the spring and summer. In other housing news we have received plans for the construction of a \$300,000 custom home to be built on West Idaho Avenue.

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 – Site prep underway. Bids evaluated and awarded. Work to begin next week in earnest.



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 coolers installed.



Goodwill Industries – 828 W. Grand – Complete Certificate of Occupancy issued.



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 – Revised civil drawings received and under review. Site work continuing.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – HVAC installed.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Plans review completed. Project out for bid. Permits issued and picked up.



Subway – 1525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Interior trim 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 – Plan review 80% completed. 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 – HVAC equipment installed.



Mike's Beef Jerky – 102 W. Kansas – Permit issued.



New China – 510 W. Grand Avenue – Permits issued. Demolition underway for kitchen remodel.



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Met with contractor to review the scope of the project. Second floor operating rooms remodel.



Canadian Valley Technology Center – 1401 Michigan Avenue - Permit received. Remodel buildings 200 and 300.



OK Carpet – 1502 Missouri Avenue – Permit issued. Building extension for storage.



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 ready for pick up.

Focus Federal Credit Union has submitted a plan to build a new building in place of their ATM next to the Walmart parking lot. The plan has significant problems that will force staff to most likely reject the project in its current state. The deficiencies include driveway separation distance too short, insufficient landscaping, encroachment of the natural gas easement on the west of the building and inadequate slope maintenance.