



City of Chickasha

Operational Update

Week of January 25, 2016

Public Works

Sidewalk work continues at 4th and Choctaw around City Hall. Several trees were removed due to the damage they were causing to the sidewalks. Staff is considering planting new trees around the City Hall building to replace some of those that were removed.

J.S. Haren, the contractor for the disinfectant by-product project at the water treatment plant completed the final tie-ins at the water plant this week. This project should be fully functional by mid-February and will make a significant difference in the quality of drinking water. It will also bring Chickasha in compliance with ODEQ regulations and we should stop receiving the monthly violation letter regarding high levels of disinfectant by-product.



Public Works crews repaired the leaking water line under 4th Street between Iowa and Minnesota. The repair was completed in less than one day and we will be coming back around to make a permanent repair to the road soon.

Public Works crews put down a layer of gravel on 9th Street from Vermont Street to Reading Road. This will improve this road and access to the City from the north side.



Police

With the completion of the renovations at the **Animal Shelter we will be holding an open house and adoption extravaganza on Friday, February 26 from 9:00 AM to noon.** Please come and join us to see the improvements for the staff and our furry friends.

By the numbers – From August through December of 2015 the Code Enforcement division handled 236 complaints, issued 291 citations and closed 129 cases. They investigated 181 unapproved parking incidents, 47 abandoned vehicles and 38 complaints of unlawful storage. This is amazing for just two staff members. Great job, Code Enforcement!

Library

The Library held a sewing class for young people this week. I wish I had taken one of these classes! February 11 from 5:00 to 7:00, Epworth Methodist Church is hosting the annual Chocolate Celebration that supports the Friends of the Chickasha Public Library. Tickets are only \$6.00 and that will get you six samples of chocolatey goodness. Make it a date night and get two tickets and come support this great cause.

Library staff would like to invite everyone to come and see the Children's area before the makeover starts the following week. The "reveal party" will be February 29th from 4-7 pm.



Administration

All but 8 employees completed the initial bio-metric screening offered through Five Oaks. That is more than 90% of employees. A makeup date has been offered in February for the last few employees. The aggregate results will be shared at the employee stakeholder meetings in February.

The initial results from the Employee Wellness Fair are in and we are very pleased. Eighty-three City employees have signed up with one of our four vendors for fitness classes. They are able to choose from the YMCA, Shape Fitness, Chickasha Crossfit and Embodiment Fitness. Many employees also signed up to

take advantage of the group family rate, which they will pay out of their own pocket. In addition to the fitness centers, our employees signed up for 245 slots in 16 different education and nutrition classes and 51 employees signed up for one-on-one wellness counseling. 41 employees signed up for the walking programs. As the program begins to “take shape” (get it?) we will keep Council informed as to our results.

Airport

New sign panels have been installed along the runways at the Chickasha Municipal Airport. The sign panels are retro reflective and the correct designations are in place. Aircraft must taxi with their taxi light on if signs are not reflective enough to help them see at night with their peripheral vision. The taxi light often will blind pilots ending in the opposite direction and is the equivalent of driving with your bright lights on at night. This was a significant airport investment in runway safety.



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.



Garden Suites – One building awaiting final inspection.



Resurrection House –Residential area inspection complete. Kitchen area still requires final inspections.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – Fire line for sprinkler installed.



Sleepy Hollow Addition – Driveway and sidewalks at 907 and 911 Lazywood installed..



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) – Interior framing in progress.



Goodwill Industries – 828 W. Grand – Parking area concrete 80% complete.



Teague Body Shop – 1305 E. Choctaw – Main red iron framing completed.



Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc. – 913 N. 9th Street –Project complete.



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th Street – Contact this week with the owner and architect. Project is moving again. Developer to address comments following engineering review.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Utilities in discussion with Quality Inn owner regarding re-alignment of the power supply.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Footing installed and inspected.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Plans review completed. Project out for bid. Subcontractors to pick up permits when selected.



Subway – 1525 S. 4th Street – Demolition underway. Framing started.



New restaurant (former Eduardo's) – 3525 S. 4th Street- Demolition permit issued. Architect hired. Demolition continues.



J Danielle Salon and Color Bar – 2721 Ponderosa – Interior framing started.



New Life Christian Church – 1828 S. 13th Street - Permit received and under review.



Chickasha Travel Plaza – 2200 Highway 62 – Permit and plat received and under review.



New Song Church – 1101 S. 16th Street – Remodel of existing church and addition of ADA restrooms.



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4th Street – Permit issued.



Mike’s Beef Jerky – 102 W. Kansas – Permit received and under review

Staff received a request from Jungle Ice to relocate the building in the parking lot at Skateland to minimize the impact on traffic out on the service road. Following Council policy, staff has informed the owners that any request to change the current footprint would trigger zoning regulations that would require significant upgrades to the building. We have informed them of this fact and are awaiting their response. The building was “grandfathered” in and can remain in its current location unchanged.

Lester Cramton continues to make progress removing the Poole Mortgage Building on Chickasha Avenue next to the Chamber of Commerce