



# City of Chickasha

## Operational Update

### Week of May 30, 2016

#### **Public Works**

Update on the Highway 62 East overpass, over the railroad tracks. Beginning June 6, 2016 three phases of repairs will occur to the overpass. Phase I, Genevieve Street under the overpass will receive some work on the underside of the overpass. The electrical that serves the lights on the bridge is on the pier that requires the most work, so the lights on the bridge will be out temporarily until that work is complete. As soon as we have a more exact time we will inform Council as to when the lights will come back on. During Phase II, the inside lanes on the bridge will be repaired and resurfaced. In Phase III, the outside lanes will be repaired and resurfaced. The total project timeline is expected to be 180 days. Estimated completion date is around January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Bids came in on the southbound left turn lane south of Grand on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The low bid came in above the engineer's estimate. Staff will be recommending awarding the bid to the low bidder and amending the budget in the Economic Development Sales Tax Fund to cover the bid. This item will be on the June 20 Council meeting for ward of the bid.

#### **Police –**

The Chickasha Police Department is developing their training schedule for the next couple of months. Classes include Active Shooter training in a public setting with the City of Moore; Alert training, which is active shooter training but more from a police officer's perspective; Patrol Narcotics class, Refresher Driving course and Felony Traffic Stop training all put on in-house by our own Police personnel.

The Police Department is also partnering with the YMCA for the free tennis lessons this weekend at the tennis courts on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue. Officers will be handing out water and Gatorade.

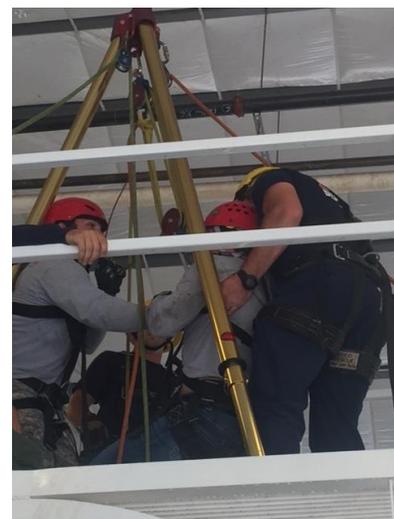
The YMCA visited the Chickasha Police Department today.



## Fire

It was a good day for the Chickasha Fire Department and Emergency Management as we were able to secure four storm sirens of the same brand as ours that had been decommissioned from Del City. We will be able to get the final siren up and running as it had a \$2000 processor that was not working and now it is missing the rotator motor that was borrowed for another siren. We should have plenty of spare parts for a while. Thank you Del City!

Fire Department personnel spent Wednesday and Thursday of this week training on Confined Space Rescue. The course was funded by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and delivered through Oklahoma State University-Fire Service Training. Crews developed those skills that they previously learned in the ropes courses to put it all together and actually do victim rescues. The class took a tour of the elevators at Livestock Nutrition Center to get an understanding of how to set up a rescue system in an 80' tall structure.





## Library

Summer Reading at the Library is in full swing with about 50 children ages 6 – 12 Thursday morning and 10 teens in the afternoon. Courtney Mayall is the Youth Services Librarian, she had three volunteers helping today. This program helps kids keep their reading skills sharp and improve them. They also learn that reading is fun and that helps build lifelong learners. The way the program works is kids keep a time journal of how many minutes they read and turn it in each Thursday morning. The time accumulates and they earn prizes. During the Thursday morning time Courtney reads to them, talks about books, and they play games and do crafts.





This Library has been doing a Summer Reading Program for as long as anyone can remember, more than 50 years.

### **Administration**

The Council work session in June will be held at the bowling alley on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff will be making a presentation regarding the proposed partnership with the owner and Chickasha Parks and Recreation. The meeting will start at 5:30.

On Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30, there will be a joint meeting of the City Council, the Chickasha Economic Development Council, the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce and Chickasha Public Schools at the former City Hall and Police building to discuss potentially reusing the building as a partnership center with all of the entities using the building. In addition, the facility has potential space for a small business incubator and a large meeting room for training.

The City Christmas Party committee is hosting a lunch fundraiser on Wednesday, June 8 to help pay for door prizes. You can have your choice of a BBQ sandwich or a Chicken Salad sandwich, choice of side, choice of fruit or dessert and a bottle of water for \$7. If needed, we will deliver. For more information, contact Susan Jones at 222-6045.

The Chickasha Municipal Airport will be hosting a Fly-In on Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Come on out and check out historic aircraft, a radio-controlled airplane demonstration, food, antique cars and much more. Plane rides will also be available.

The Executive Team hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual City employee picnic at the Rock Island Depot on Wednesday. Employees were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers and

grilled chicken along with all the fixin's. The weather was very cooperative and everyone had a great time. A Big Shout Out to Chief Zalewski, Chief Steele and Assistant Chief Shanon McClain for being our grill masters, and Gina Snedeker, Amanda Sikes, Susan Jones and Lena Smith for taking care of everything else. A special Thank You to Tom Frailey's office who picked up the tab for all the meats!

And Thank You to all the City employees who work hard every day for the citizens of Chickasha!



### **Parks and Recreation**

So far, we have had very good success discouraging the geese at Shannon Springs Park. We saw an increase in the numbers this past week, we believe because all the rain has left the fields too wet for them to feed. We are in the process of adding one more of the Geese-Away amber lighting system to the south end of the pond. I have received a number of positive comments from citizens about the geese population decline at the park. Crews are installing signs today asking visitors to refrain from feeding the water fowl. Not only does it encourage the birds to come to the park, but an all-bread diet is actually very unhealthy for the birds.



Parks crews at the Sports Complex are working feverishly to get the fields in shape for the big tournament this weekend. Over 40 teams are signed up and we are hopeful that the rain is over and we get all the games in by Sunday afternoon. The Fire Department charity softball tournament is scheduled for the weekend of June 11 and the USAO Softball program is sponsoring a tournament the weekend of June 18.

There is a workday scheduled for the Community Garden on Saturday, June 4 starting at 8:00 AM. Come and get your hands dirty if you are looking for something to do. If you come and assist with the community plot you will be eligible to receive some of the fresh vegetables when harvest time comes!

And finally, don't forget there will be free fishing this weekend and at Shannon Springs Park there will be no age restrictions.

### 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.



Chickasha Travel Plaza – 2200 W Highway 62 – Permit has been issued and contractor has received ODEQ permit to begin moving dirt. Rain has delayed the start of the project this week.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – Footing inspections continue. Plumbing inspections underway.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Work has started in the building.



Teague Body Shop – 1305 E. Choctaw –Awaiting an electrician.



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – No movement. City manager has reached out to the owner. Awaiting a response.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Erecting steel. Sewer line inspection completed.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Final trim underway.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Main floor poured. Steel erection started.



Subway – 1525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – No movement. Staff will contact owner next week for update.



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street- First interior steel framing Inspected.



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



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Project close to completion. Changed electricians. Close to opening.



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Dry wall inspections continuing.



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



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – No movement this week.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Demolition work started.



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Permit application received.

Also, this week Community Development staff continues working with Maria's Restaurant who will be relocating from 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ada Sipuel to a downtown location. Another new restaurant, Hibachi Grill is scouting a location on Choctaw Avenue. Staff is conducting a parking survey to ensure adequate parking for the restaurant and all the current businesses in the shopping center.

You may be aware that the City has been enforcing its updated code enforcement regulations that include codes related to the exterior of houses. As a result, we issued more than 500 letters to residents and landlords giving them 180 days to bring such issues into compliance. As part of this cleanup efforts we have offered income-eligible home owners to apply for assistance. If they are eligible we can offer them paint and supplies and volunteer assistance in bringing the property up to code. We have received more than 20 applications so far and we are in the process of evaluating each one.

We have several volunteer groups signed up and a number of solo volunteers as well. We are designating the following Saturdays as Paint Days: June 11, June 18, July 16, July 23, August 13 and August 20. The City will supply all the paint and supplies. If you would like to volunteer and you have some carpentry skills, please let me know because we have a few houses that need a little more than paint. We also need for you to bring ladders to the event. You may also invite family members or friends to assist, too.

Please contact the City Manager's office or Community Development if you are interested in participating. Let us know if you are signing up as an individual or as a team. Finally, let us know which date works best for you (and your team) and we will get you set up with the right project.

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