



City of Chickasha

Operational Update

Week of July 18, 2016

Public Works

The construction portion of the drainage project at 4th Street and Chickasha Avenue is complete. Following 10 days of curing for the concrete all of Chickasha Avenue will be open. We were able to see how well the project worked last week when we had the heavy rain Thursday night. The east side of 4th Street was dry while the west side was like a small pond. MTZ Construction is the contractor and they are awesome.

The pre-construction meeting for the southbound left turn lane on 4th Street south of Grand Avenue was held on Wednesday. All the parties were present. Scott Vaughn (Chisholm Trail Consulting) is serving as the City's project manager. This turn lane is being installed to serve the Shoppes at Chisholm Trail.

The clock in front of the Dixie store will be coming down as requested by the Grady County Historical Society. The brick will be salvaged and reused in a format to be determined.

Police

Chief Steele and his staff are working on curriculum for a Citizen's Police Academy. The academy is for citizens in the community to attend to learn about all the facets of the police department and all the functions they perform. We are looking at some dates in the Fall of this year.

The Chickasha Police Department met with local pastors to discuss how we can all work together to "Protect Houses of Worship". Lieutenant Music's presentation was informative, engaging, and had attendees requesting more information. Some attendees came as strangers, but left as friends! Our work has only just begun! We plan to present to local businesses soon, stay tuned!



Fire

Fire Department staff will be attending AED training with Phillips representatives. Once this is complete they will train City staff at each facility on how to use the devices. This was an excellent investment on the part of City Council. Hopefully we will never have to use them, but if a citizen or one of our employees ever needs to have their heart started help will be right there. Thank you City Council for this investment.

The Chickasha Fire Department was notified that Chickasha will be undergoing an ISO survey. A city's ISO rating directly impacts insurance rates for property owners. The timing is good for Chickasha and this is a real opportunity. There are a number of elements tested in the community, but the addition of the Training Officer in last year's budget should help our scores significantly. Our current ISO rating is 4. We are going to work really hard to get it down to 3.

Library

Summer Reading is coming to a close, next week is the last week for the program. The last two weeks have been filled with some great guest readers. Phylis Steelman read to the YMCA group on July 12th, Kim Kohler read on July 14th to the Thursday group, Howard Carpenter read to the YMCA kids on July 19th, and Gina Snedeker read to the Thursday group on July 21st. The children enjoyed hearing them bring the stories to life. Next week will be Summer Reading awards followed by the lighting of the torch for the Chickasha Library Youth Olympics.



The landscape project at the Library is almost complete. The last remaining piece is a water feature to the west of the front door. It has been an amazing transformation. Along with the new floors, remodeled children's area and the mural the Chickasha Public Library is looking fresh and new.



Make plans to attend the first Chickasha Youth Olympics held August 2-5. Events will include athletic and academic events. Volunteers are needed so contact the Library at 222-6075 if you or someone you know would like to assist.

Administration



Mid-First Bank showed their appreciation to City employees by providing a cook out with all the fixin's. Thank you Mid-First Bank!

Two homes received repairs and paint through the City's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program (formerly Clean Team Chickasha). At one address two dilapidated sheds were torn down, too. Employees from Standridge, USW, Chickasha Parks and Recreation, and Shift 3 of the Chickasha Fire Department pitched in to make a difference for these families. Additional paint dates are scheduled for August 13 and 20. We will be looking at additional dates in September and October as

applications continue to come in.



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 – Dirt work continues. Underground retention is 30% complete.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – The main steel beams continue to be erected. West wall beginning to take shape and the roof support is going up.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4th Street – Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Bricking started.



Chisholm Trail Phase 2 retail area 2121 S. 4th Street – Permit ready to be picked up. Footing ready.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Basically complete except the parking lot and landscaping. Sidewalk forms started.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Insulation inspection complete. Dry wall work started. EFIS above the brick work continues.



Subway – 1525 S. 4th Street – Curbing and approach poured. Parking lot striped.



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4th Street- Rough-in plumbing and electrical underway. Patios poured.



Cotton Patch Café – 2135 S. 4th Street – New permit received. \$900,000 project.



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Certificate of Occupancy issued.



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



Ice House – 521 Grand – Permit received.



Taco Bell – 1782 S, 4th Street - Remodel permit - \$180,000 project.



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – Permit issued.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Fire sprinkler system reviewed and approved.



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Framing started.



Best Western Plus – 400 S. Grand – Site plan submitted. Plat process started.

Inactive Projects – This is a new category for projects that have been sitting with no movement for a period of time. Most of these projects have received permits or are under review, but for some reason have been inactive.

New Life Christian Church – 1828 S. 13th Street

Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th Street

Maria’s Restaurant relocation – 305 W. Chickasha Avenue

Grady Memorial Hospital Expansion – Reviewing site plans.

The Rock Island Grill, which looked like it was ready to open several months ago has asked for a Certificate of Occupancy. Staff has met with the owners and identified some issues that need to be addressed. Another inspection will be made in the next week or two and they could receive their CO very soon.

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