



City of Chickasha

Operational Update

Week of September 12, 2016

Public Works

Work continues to progress on Grand Avenue between 13th Street and 29th Street. The base crack repairs have been completed, the milling has been completed and the overlay has commenced on the north side of the road as of Friday. The project continues to be well ahead of schedule.

The Stillwater Railroad has completed work on the railroad crossing at Chickasha Avenue and 16th Streets. This is full reconstruction with concrete. The contractor has moved on to the crossing on Georgia Avenue near 20th Avenue. The addition of crossing arms will be completed at all six crossings after they complete the concrete work.



Public Works crews have installed 100' of drainage pipe on Grand Avenue along the 40 acres and covered it with dirt and millings. This will provide a path for the heavy equipment that the hotel developer will be bringing on site next month to start construction of the Best Western Plus. It has always been the City's intention to add pipe and cover to the drainage culvert system around the 40 acres.



Police

Officer Magdalene Perry graduates from CLEET today. She will report to the Police Department Monday morning to begin her in house training.



Anne Steninger was hired September 12th at the Chickasha Animal Shelter to fill the Kennel Assistant position. Anne has been volunteering her time at the shelter for over two years by feeding, cleaning, walking the animals, caring for them in various ways, transporting animals to various Vet appointments, donates her time to CART and also assists with adoption fairs at various locations. Anne brings a wealth of knowledge to the position having received an animal science degree in the past. Anne is one of the volunteers who recently “bailed us out” when an employee was injured and only one employee remained active. Welcome Anne!

Traci Alma and Lindy Holder from Focus Federal Credit Union came by with some gifts of appreciation for the officers. Thank you Focus Federal!



Fire

Continuing with the theme of ISO, the Fire Department finished pump testing each apparatus this past week. Each pumper was put through the rigors of running at near capacity for ten minutes each. The pumpers are expected to reach their rated capacity at 150 psi. Each one of our units were able to reach their rated capacity between 110 and 120 psi. What that translate to is that our pumps should be able to maintain rated capacity for their expected life of fifteen years.



Members of the Chickasha Fire Department as well as other members of the Mass Casualty Planning Committee met in Chickasha Thursday to redraft a new regional plan that will be presented to Southwest Oklahoma Emergency Responder in October. The new plan will replace a decade old plan and serves to implement

local, state, and national best practices. Chief Zalewski-Chickasha Fire and Bruce Anthony-Tuttle Fire represented our local area in the process.

Library



The Library has been a very busy place the past two weeks. We had the great students of Verden 4th grade come for a tour with 21 children, some of which had never been in a library other than their school library. Courtney Mayhall, Children and Youth Librarian, showed them how a public library works and told them about all of the different services this Library offers. They were great kids and had a good time.

The diabetes program DEEP (Diabetes Empowerment Education Program) started last Thursday with 14 people in attendance receiving some valuable information. One person commented that this is great information because her doctor never told her this. This program is sponsored by the OHAI (Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative). The program lasts for six weeks.

OHAI will be sponsoring a program starting in January called “Healthy Brain”. Look for information to come about that.

The Library provides free online classes. Do you need to learn something new or improve on some skills? Do you have staff that need to learn new skills or improve on some skills? Universal Class offers online classes in a wide variety of subject areas from office skills, basic education, self-improvement and fun personal topics. There are beginning computer skills to advanced computer skills. Certificates can be printed at the completion of a course. There are live instructors who grade the work and are available for discussions and there are no time constraints, no deadlines or due dates. Library staff has taken a Customer Service class and recommends it to anyone who works with customers. It is developed for retail situations but the principles are good even for non-profit organizations.

The classes are impressive and the best part is it is free to all Chickasha Public Library customers. All that is needed is a valid library account which is free to anyone who lives in Grady County, or works in, or goes to school in Chickasha. If getting to the Library is difficult because of time constraints during our open hours call me and I'll bring the application to you to a Council Meeting or your place of business.

Also remember that if someone doesn't have a computer or internet access that is free at the Library. You are encouraged to take a look at this link:

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Parks and Recreation

Work is complete at Centennial Park on the pavilion and the sign. The tiles on the sign have been replaced. The dirt work and sod has been completed around the pavilion. We will be scheduling a ribbon-cutting celebration with the Chamber of Commerce.

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 – Building frame underway.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4th Street – Requesting final inspection and Certificate of Occupancy. Waiting on ODEQ letter.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Lacking parking lot striping and landscaping. No activity this week.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – Main roof beams installed and erecting walls. Gable end walls siding installed.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting Saturday at 9:30.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Final stages of exterior finish. Parking lot installed.





Chisholm Trail Phase 2 retail area 2121 S. 4th Street – Taco Bueno space ready for tenant finish out. The road work along 4th Street is also taking place that will include the driveways into the center



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4th Street- No activity this week.



Cotton Patch Café – 2135 S. 4th Street – Permit ready to be picked up.



Ice House – 521 Grand – Permit issued. Dirt work started. Awaiting final plat.



Taco Bell – 1782 S, 4th Street – Permit picked up. Exterior framing started.



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – Layout inspection for new building scheduled for Tuesday.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Rough in mechanical underway.



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – No inspections.



Best Western Plus – 400 S. Grand – Site plan submitted. Plat process completed. Met with the owner to discuss next steps.



Grady Memorial Hospital Expansion – Excavation permit issued.



Taco Bueno – 2121 4th Street – Building permit application and plans received.



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th Street – Project has been reactivated. Site plans reviewed and comments sent to architect and engineer.

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