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1. Major Water System Infrastructure Projects

--Water Plant Control Building

This project is nearly complete, with the contractor (W.L. McNatt) working on punch list items. Some of our people will move into the building in September, and the Operations people will move when the AV and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems have been completed. The cost is estimated at around \$7.5M.

--Drilling of New Wells

A total of 10 new wells will be accomplished at this time. The final production wells have been drilled at three of these sites, with the other seven at the test hole or near the production well phase. The contractor is Hydro Resources Mid-Continent and the estimated cost is around \$9.6M. These 10 wells should be completed by early in 2022.

We also plan to bid out another well package in the near future as sites are acquired and permits are obtained. The primary goal of this project is to increase water production by 5 MGD and eliminate the need for OKC water, resulting in an annual savings of \$1M.

--Water Treatment Plant Construction

Please remember this major component was divided into three phases because the project coming in significantly over budget when it was bid two years ago. This adjustment allowed us to remain within the identified rate increases and also help our cash flow.

The first phase is about 50% complete and mainly consists of processing equipment/infrastructure for the processing of lime sludge generated during the treatment process. Other improvements being constructed will help to get ready for the for the last two phases of construction, including the majority of security improvements. The contractor is Crossland Heavy Construction and the estimated cost of this phase is around \$38M. The estimated cost of all three phases is estimated at \$300M. The anticipated completion date for the first phase is late summer of next year.

Please remember that all of these improvements are identified in the Revised Water Master Plan Update that was unanimously approved by the City Council last year. This document is available on the City's web site (www.edmondok.com). The Control Building and Water Plant construction improvements are part of the massive construction project that is occurring east of the dam at Arcadia Lake ,south of 2nd and Post Road.

2. Expansion of Gracelawn Cemetery

This City-owned and operated cemetery was founded in 1895. This project encompasses 7 acres and provides 25 years of inventory. The expansion area will have more of a park-like feel and will offer new options such as a Columbaria, which is a place to store cremated remains, and a Committal Shelter, which is a pavilion to have interment services away from the gravesite.

Completion of this project has been delayed due to construction material supply chain issues related to COVID, but the project should be completed next month. By early September there will be an announcement concerning how plots and niches can be purchased. The project cost is \$3.2M, with funding coming from the 2017 repurposed capital improvements sales tax.

3. Sales & Use Taxes

The numbers for these critical revenue sources remain encouraging in the second monthly check of the fiscal year. Sales tax collections were up 3.9% for the month over last year and cumulatively 6.3% after two months, compared to a 3.25% annual budget projection. Use tax revenue increased 25% for the month over last year and cumulatively 15.8% after two months, compared to a 10% annual budget projection. Combined collections are up 8.4% from last year.

Respectfully submitted

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