



December 6, 2024

To: Mayor Mike Topliff and City Council Members
From: City Administrator Sam Anselm
Re: Weekly Update

Please see below for this week's update and let me know if you have questions on any of the items.

Community Services

Parks and Recreation

- Concrete forms for the basketball pad have been prepared and the pad will be poured soon.
- Two of the sports complex's three heating units have failed. One unit is operating continuously to maintain temperature. A bid to repair the two faulty units has been received.
- With the Glass Sword Cinema selling concessions at the sports Complex, Hilburn and Evan field complexes, and the aquatic center, work has begun to construct a wall at the sports complex to house the concessions operations.
- Ten basketball games were played last week. Session Two registration closed with 65 teams enrolled.

WP Public Library

- A children's "make and take" Christmas ornament night will be held from 4-6 pm on December 11 at the library.
- The Foundation's Festival of Trees: Christmas Gala will be held December 12 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the library for \$40.
- On Saturday, December 21, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at a special event at the library featuring a story hour, Christmas cookies, and a free book for each child.

WP Civic Center

- Upcoming Holiday activities in the building include the West Plains Optimist Club's Arts and Craft Show on December 7 and 8, and the Little Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas Pageant on December 8.

WP Tourism/Welcome Center

- The City of West Plains will pursue a grant through the State Division of Tourism for wayfinding signage inside the city that will connect with the highway wayfinding and parking lot signage.

Facilities/Grounds

- The floor grinder for the new breakroom will be onsite by the end of this week.
- The Galloway Park bathroom plumbing was finished last week and will be backfilled.

Fire

Last Week's Activities:

- 13 EMS incidents. (Medical calls, EMS lift Assist, Lock-in)
- 3 Structure related calls. (3-Fire alarms)
- 1 Power Line Arcing.
- 2 Motor vehicle accidents.
- 1 Water or steam leak.
- 1 Smoke scare.
- 2 Unauthorized burning.
- 27 burn permits were issued. 3 days of no burning.
- Apparatus Update: 4611 was repaired and placed back in service. Command Unit parts arrived and it is currently being repaired.
- 48 Hours of shift PTO taken, covered by full-time/part-time.

Planning

- The planning department is working with MoDOT to ensure engineering for the U.S. Highway 160 Overpass project is billed correctly before issuing the first payment. The first payment application for construction is also being prepared in coordination with CMT and Capital Construction for accuracy. Once approved, city staff will work with SCOCOG to make sure all forms are in order before payment is issued.
- The Bruce Smith Parkway extension is expected to be paved this week, pending weather.
- West Plains Downtown Revitalization, Inc., has submitted a grant application to fund improvements to the three partial streets that were closed downtown over the summer. The parklet that has been in front of Ozark Pizza Company is being moved into the space between Ozark Pizza and Book Nook.
- The county is seeking to improve County Road 6460, including paving, curb, and guttering. SCOCOG, the city, and county are working together to prepare the CDBG application.
- City staff hosted Representative-elect Lisa Durnell for a tour of 601 Washington Avenue and to discuss planned renovation. Senator-elect Brad Hudson and others will be in West Plains on Dec. 11 for a tour and conversation with executives from the Provalus IT firm. The grant application submitted last month would support the first phase renovation. City officials are seeking direct state allocation for the remainder of the project.

Police

- On Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the department sponsored the local CIT Meeting.
- On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the department participated in "Night Qualifications".
- During the week, the department submitted paperwork for the BJS grant for the reimbursement of armored vest replacements. The grant pays fifty percent of the cost of the armored vests. We had ten officers that had replacement vests ordered to replace their expiring vests.
- The detectives have been working through the week to finalize the evidence and documents on the recent homicide that occurred.
- The department is continuing to monitor the traffic around the detours around Freedom Drive utilizing the traffic radar trailer.
- The department is doing an enforcement campaign around the school zones. The program started with the traffic trailer being placed as a visual education, followed by warnings being issued, and finally starting after the Thanksgiving break, a no tolerance ticket campaign.

Transportation

- Street crews continued work on Grace Ave. drainage project installing wall decorative blocks, removed form boards previously set and complete gravel prep on the pad for the new Galloway restrooms, and poured the basketball court at Wayhaven park. Crews worked at the Civic Center on their scheduled basketball floor project and mulched the edge of CR1770 and service equipment.
- Wednesday morning, we were made aware that we had a hole/cave-in show up close to the bridge on Jackie Drive and Lambe Ave. Street crews had to remove an old storm drain that had rusted out and collapsed and replace it with a new storm drain. This project was finished Thursday afternoon and opened back up to traffic.

Utilities

- This week, utilities administration purchased the GeoServer license for the power outage map, with plans to have the map live by mid-January.
- The electric department conducted four planned outages to transition existing lines to new steel poles and upgraded a main power line. They also removed a tree at 1117 W. Broadway to clear the right of way for new line construction for service upgrades and future development. Additional projects included replacing a pole at 1016 W. 1st Street, installing a new service at 5165 Sierra Drive, and repairing streetlights.
- The sewer department and the wastewater treatment plant replaced the lift station on Rhonda Drive.
- The water department assisted with the lift station replacement on Rhonda Drive and repaired a water line at the intersection of Renfrow and Harlin Drive.
- Last week, the sanitation department transported 136 tons of refuse to the transfer station, bringing the cumulative total to 460 tons. Over-the-road drivers delivered 20 loads of refuse to the Hartville Landfill.