

# City Manager Report

June 2018



## Highlights

### Voters Approve City Propositions 1-4

On June 26, City voters approved Propositions 1-4. Propositions 1-3 passed by a wide margin, while Proposition #4 (sales tax) passed by a slim margin of 36 votes. The new City sales tax will be implemented on October 1, 2018 and will run until September 30, 2028. The temporary one-half percent sales tax increase is earmarked for capital improvements related to public safety, streets, and parks and public facilities.

### OTHER UPDATES BY DEPARTMENT

#### Finance/Treasurer Report

Sales Tax. July deposit of June sales tax collected was \$1,566,370 compared to July 2018 we were up \$28,510. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018 sales tax was down \$90,397 year-over-year.

#### Shawnee Municipal Authority

Master Plan Implementation. On January 17 Guernsey provided a comprehensive update to the City Commission at their special meeting/workshop. City and Guernsey staff had a workshop February 7 at Public Works. The material covered at the workshop provided an update with the engineering of the Southside Sewer Plant, Northside Sewer Plant and Water Plant. Guernsey gave a presentation to SMA staff on February 14 on UV disinfection for a unit process at both sewer plants. Staff and Guernsey held a workshop with ODEQ regarding the direction of the design plan for the plants on March 9. The workshop went very well and ODEQ was not opposed to any of our plans. Scheduled meeting at Public Works with Guernsey on April 27 to go over sewer plants head cells. On June 5, staff toured the Del City waste water plant and look at how their UV disinfection system operates.

#### Operations Department (Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Fleet Management)

Parks. Parks and Cemetery crews are slightly behind in mowing due to the rain and high humidity. Parks crews are beginning their day at 6 a.m. to try to beat the afternoon heat.

Recreation. The busy summer season is in full swing! Staff continues to work on programs and lots of fun activities at Shawnee Splash. For more information, please see: [www.shawneeok.org/parks](http://www.shawneeok.org/parks)

Classes at the Community Center: (call 275-3986 for more information)

- Martial Arts- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6-8:30 pm (\$)
- Pound Course- Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm (\$)

#### *Meetings and Noteworthy Items*

City Commission – July 16, Aug 6

Planning Commission – Aug 1

Beautification – July 19

#### *Other Important Dates*

IFYR – July 8-13

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Block Party – July 20, Aug 17

Elvis @ the Ritz – July 21

Fireflight Balloon Festival – August 10-12

#### *Other Events*

[www.visitshawnee.com/Calendar](http://www.visitshawnee.com/Calendar)

<http://www.shawneeexpo.org/calendar.html>

#### *Board Openings:*

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- Open Gym- Monday- Friday from 12-1pm and Mon/Wed/Fri from 3-5pm, basketballs and various other equipment available (18 laps = 1 mile, Auditorium)
- Pickle Ball- Mon/Wed/Fri from 1pm to 3pm (Auditorium)
- Mommy and Me Playtime Tuesday 9am to 11am (Auditorium)

## Engineering and Streets

Kickapoo Street from Farrall to Spur. Poe & Associates have submitted plans to ODOT for review.

Avedis/City Sidewalk Project. The contractor is nearing completion of the current effort and is in the vicinity of Broadway and Independence Street. Many thanks are owed the Avedis Foundation for funding half of this important improvement!

## Planning Department

Clean-up Efforts. The Action Center maintains a very active caseload, with numerous complaints received daily. For a complete list of Action Center cases or to submit a complaint anonymously online, see: <http://www.shawneeok.org/actioncenter/default.asp>

Transportation Alternatives Program. The City was notified in August 2016 that its application to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant was approved. The planned sidewalk will bridge a critical missing gap along MacArthur Street east of Harrison. The Avedis Foundation has agreed to provide matching funds equal to ten percent of the project cost. Staff is working with ODOT on scheduling of this project and recently learned that ODOT will be managing this project, which will delay implementation until at least mid-2019.

Comprehensive Plan Update. The City is starting the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan – a long range planning document that encompasses all aspects of the community and helps to ensure positive long-term growth and development. Public meetings and outreach efforts begun in June with more planned for August. To follow progress, please see: [www.shawneeplan.com](http://www.shawneeplan.com) or:

[http://www.shawneeok.org/government/departments/planning/comprehensive\\_plan\\_update.php#](http://www.shawneeok.org/government/departments/planning/comprehensive_plan_update.php#)

## Fire Department

Station 2 Rehab/Renovation. Work continues on this project. The overhead doors in the apparatus bay are now installed and the exterior brick work has now expanded to the south and east sides of the building. Sheet rock is being installed in the living room and electrical wiring is continuing to be installed. Completion of Station No. 2 is expected to occur in July.

Hydrant Painting (ISO requirement). Staff is painting hydrants and working with IT to ensure all hydrants are properly geo-located in all COS Databases.

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## Police Department

Administration. Staff has received notice that the Edward Byrnes Memorial Grant will be releasing funds soon. This was to assist with the purchase of the SPD motorcycle. It is also time to apply for the new Byrnes Grant and Highway Safety Grants.

Patrol. SPD officers will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and working the IFYR. All staff are very busy working on the annual Cops N Kids event that will be help August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center.

Animal Welfare. The animal shelter has been running at full capacity during June. Staff is working hard to reunite animals with owners and get animals adopted or rescued to create space for additional needs. The three-year rabies vaccine is accepted by the Animal Shelter for a city tag. Letters have been sent to all the local veterinarians to make sure they know we will accept the three-year vaccine.

## Emergency Management

Planning Projects. A variety of planning efforts are underway, including an update to the Emergency Operations Plan, EOC Standard Operations Guide, and the Elected Officials Briefing Book.

## Regional Airport

Shawnee Regional Airport Hosts Civil Air Patrol (CAP) U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Southwest Region Powered Flight Cadet Academy for the 12th Consecutive Year. The annual academy is a ten-day event bringing cadets and volunteers to Shawnee from across Oklahoma and as far afield as New York, New Jersey, Colorado, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Nevada, Washington D.C., and Florida. According to Major Robin Rowden, Squadron Commander, the CAP the Academy at Shawnee is one of the most popular nationwide, ranked at #2. This year CAP screened 194 candidates for the Shawnee Academy, 129 qualified for twenty available positions. During the academy fifteen Cadets completed their first “Solo” flights, including 17-year-old Taylor Danielson of Oklahoma City. The Civil Air Patrol adds value to our community in many ways – providing support for emergency responders and Oklahoma law enforcement, educating young pilots, and supporting the local Shawnee economy. (photo provided)

