



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 19, 2019

**The City of Shawnee Begins Advanced Metering Installation
Wireless water meter reading improves efficiency**

The City of Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma – The City of Shawnee will begin installation of an automatic meter reading (AMR) system. The innovative system will replace monthly manual meter reads with a wireless system that collects multiple remote reads per day, allowing for better continuous flow/leak detection, increased billing accuracy and improved customer service.

Advanced metering supports the City's commitment to preserving and protecting our environment by reducing carbon emissions by taking meter readers off of the road, enhancing our ability to quickly detect and stop leaks, and providing customers with daily information on water use so that they can improve their efforts to conserve.

Because changing out all of the meters will take approximately twelve (12) months, a letter/postcard will be sent to the property no less than one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to installation. During installation, contractors working on behalf of the City of Shawnee will interrupt water service. Before leaving the site, crews will test the new meter by running about ten (10) gallons of water from an exterior hose or faucet. Door hangers will be left at the main entrance to the property informing the resident or business owner of the status of the visit (installation complete, installation pending; water was being used, or unable to access water meter).

Contractors will be supervised by City of Shawnee staff, carry proper identification and have successfully completed a comprehensive background check; contractor vehicles will also be clearly marked.

To learn more, visit www.ShawneeOK.org or call 405-878-1560.

Brad Schmidt, Utility Director
Lisa Lasyone, City Clerk