

**WATER LINE
REHAB LAST
10 YEARS**

- All of Parks Street from Holmes to Marna Lynn Street
- All of Summit Street
- Mock Street from Parks to Douglas and from Brunk to Buchanan Street
- Neal from Buchanan to Commercial
- All of Pittman Street
- All of Thurman St.
- Cleveland Street from Mock to Baggett
- Holmes Street
- Graham from Battle to Neal
- Center St
- Battle Street
- 2023—Buchanan Street from Kate Smith to Pittman, Mock from Parks to Buchanan St., and Kate Smith from Parks to Buchanan St.

OCTOBER
2023

FYI

CITY OF PRAIRIE GROVE

Phase 1 Downtown Work To Start

Work on the Downtown Street, Drainage, and water line project is fully underway with a notice to proceed expected to be executed on October 23rd. Prior to the NTP, a preconstruction conference will be held with the contractor, Brothers Construction.

Work will include up-graded drainage structure under Buchanan Street, just west of the post office, that delivers water from the town branch under the

street. This existing structure is undersized and has needed replacement for years. Its been the source of water backing up in the past and flooding buildings including the post office. By increasing the capacity of this structure, water will flow more quickly eliminating flooding.

New drainage lines will be constructed on the south side of the street and tie into the improved drainage improvements on the north side just past the

cemetery. The project will include work as far east as Mock Street.

The water line work will include new water lines that will tie into to other new lines on Pittman, and extend west to Kate Smith. A new line on Kate Smith as well as one block of N. Mock are also in the plans.

Phase 2 will follow and include work west of Mock Street.

Water Line Rehab Continues

For the past 20 years water line rehab has been an ongoing nuisance, although a necessary nuisance. City crews replaced many lines in-house in years past, with lines on Boston Street, Neal Street, Bush Street, Kate Smith, N. Pittman, School Street, Mock Street, Battle Street, Center Street, and

Ozark Street among replacement projects City crews have undertaken. Other upgrades on Viney Grove Road, Bush Street, and Jenkins Road were also undertaken by City crews. Other projects were contracted, with lines on Parks, Mock Street, Pittman, S. Neal,

Thurman, Cleveland, Summit St., and E. Graham among the numerous lines replaced. With the first phase of the downtown work lines on Kate Smith, Mock, and Buchanan will be replaced. Of the original 1933 water system, 98% of those lines will be replaced with these projects.

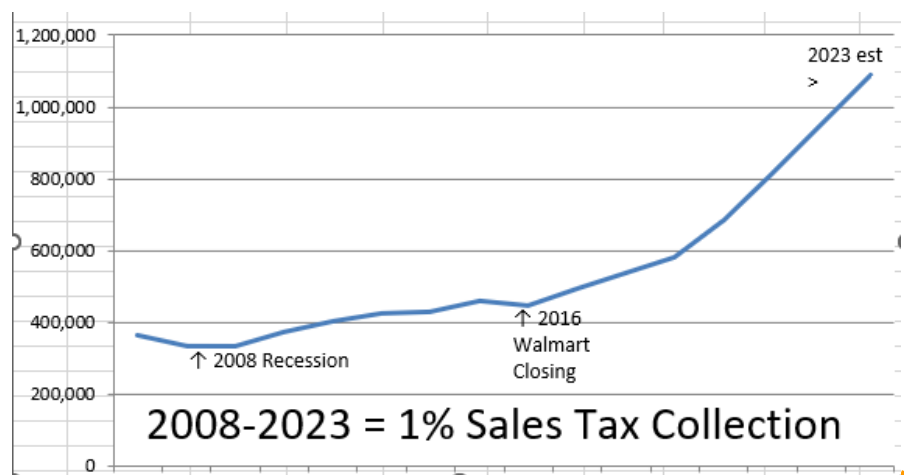
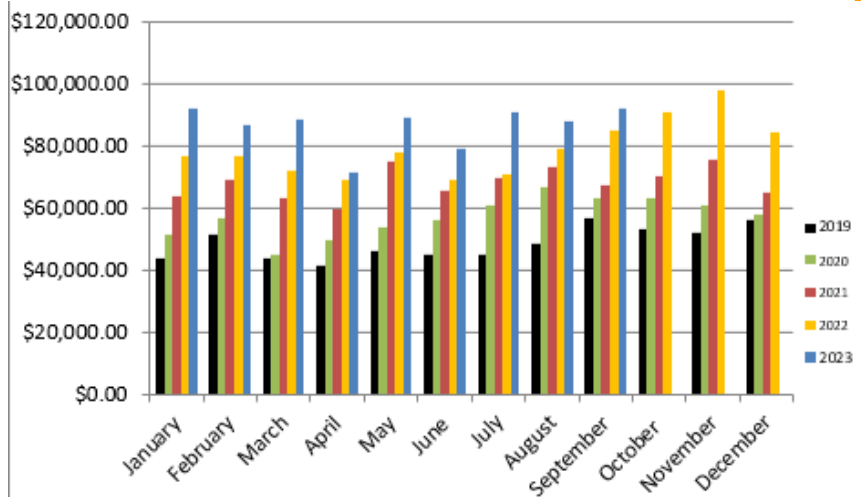
Sales Tax Update

Sales Tax Growth continued in September, but was not as robust as it has been in prior months. For September, 1% delivered \$91,891.12 compared to \$84,919.60 in September of 2022, a 8% increase. Year to date, sales tax is still up 15%, overall.

In the last 5 years, the City has seen an increase in sales tax collections of 103%.

Total collections of sales tax for September were \$252,700.

This marks the 52nd straight month that the monthly sales tax has increased over the previous year.



Viney Grove Rd Update

The Road Project extending Viney Grove Road from the Middle School to Buchanan continues ahead of schedule. The large box culverts that will serve as a bridge over the two storm water branches that cross through the property have been installed and over the next four weeks, the concrete head walls will be formed and poured in place to finish that structure. In addition, other drainage tiles will be installed that are part of the project and the subbase will go down in the next couple of weeks. Towards the end of October and into early November, the contractor will be installing the finish base, curbs and gutters, driveways, sidewalks, and preparing the project for final paving and striping in December,



Building Update

September was a busy month for new permits, with 47 permits issued for new single family homes. The additional permits, brings the year to date total to 144 new home permits , all are single family structures. In addition there were two permits for home additions.

Newly permitted homes, primarily in Hudson Heights, Wagon Springs, Snyder Grove, ranged in square footage from 2161 sq. foot to 867 sq./ft.

Population estimates based on new housing for the year to date are now 8416.



Development Update

Dirt Work and road widening for the first phase of Selah Meadows is underway and the developer has asked the city to approve a phasing plan to allow the first houses to be developed and constructed before the pumps station is needed. The first phase would include around

51 lots.

Wagon Springs Phase 2 is in the early stages of construction and houses are currently being permitted in phase 1 now.

Hudson Heights Phase 2 is still being engineered, but many new homes have been

started in phase 1.

Snyder Grove Phase 6-8 has had some preliminary work underway and currently there are houses in various stages of construction in phases 2-5.

Copper Hill engineers are close to submitting plans for the first phase, which will front on Pittman Street.

Parkwood Estates, approved previously, will be abandoned as the property has been sold to the School District.

Officials and Staff have meetings with Architect

City officials and staff met with architects from the Risley Architect firm on September 21st and went over a wish list for the expansion of police offices. Architects were directed to look at the existing offices, the land acquired earlier this

year and determine what the best options were for the money that was available. The city is proposing a budget of \$1.2 million for the project.

Some things on the wish list includes new offices for the chief, captain, and sergeants, including

offices for future growth, a break room, interview room, evidence lockers, better security, a new lobby to be connected to a new main lobby at the center of the building that will connect the court room as well, new restrooms, and a new fenced parking area with better security into the new facility.



City offices will be
Closed Friday
November 10th in
observance of
Veterans Day

Trash and Recycling
will be collected on
Thursday November
9th.

HOLIDAY EVENTS and HAPPENINGS

- Downtown Trick or treating on October 29th; 2-4
- Prairie Grove Trunk or Treat (Hosted by the Prairie Grove Police Department) to be held at the Battlefield State Park from 5 to dark
- Nov. 10-11; Downtown Businesses Open Houses
- November 10; City offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day
- December 9th; Holiday Tour of Homes; 2:00-4:00 hosted by the Prairie Grove Historic Society
- December 9th; Downtown Cocoa Crawl; hosted by the Prairie Grove Chamber of Commerce from 4:00 to 6:00
- December 9th; The Holiday Parade of Lights, hosted by Prairie Grove Second Saturday Trades day; 6:00
- City office closed November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving, December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas.
- The ARML recently appointed Mayor David Faulk to the Advisory Council for 1st class Cities, and Doug Stumbaugh to the Advisory Council for Economic Development.

WWTP Expansion Getting Closer to Completion

Contractors and City staff are gearing up to incorporate new treatment units into the operations of the overall treatment plant. The new biological unit is nearing completion and has been filled with water to leak test the structure. A million gallons of water were pumped from the river to fill the structure for testing.

The project has been underway for right at a year, and is expected to wrap up in January.

Biologic unit #1 and #2 will be drained and cleaned as part of this transition process which will require a great deal of coordination and patience from staff as they attempt to keep the plant in compliance during this work.

Modifications to the inlet building are underway to accommodate the new screw pump controls and the lubrication systems for all three pumps which is being modified.

Work on the UV System expansion is underway, installing the new equipment into an existing empty channel that was already in place from the 2011 work. In addition, a new serpentine weir has been installed to handle the flow through the new UV channels. Other work to be completed includes additional electrical work, chemical pumps installation in the new chem building, installation of the new aerator on Bio unit #3, and the new inlet screen equipment.

