City of Benton Administration Report June 2025



PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
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CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Streets	35	2025	Asphalt patches on S Ohio in preparation for slurry. City Crew adding millings and much work on our dirt roads.
Drainage	10	2025	Mother Nature reminded us who is boss.
Sewer	60	2025	Pump rebuild, lining complete, engineering for Countryside

Administration:

I've been emailing you with updates throughout the month. We've got some upcoming work to do planning development, annexation, engineering, improvement, and financing. I will continue to send those updates and will be requesting a workshop soon to summarize activities and establish direction.

Budget numbers are not here just yet from the County, but once we get that plug in, I will present you with a Comprehensive Budget Report as requested from Council Member Claycamp. This will be a product that we can distribute to our citizens to show them both accomplishments and plans. I expect to have this to you by the end of the month.

I attended a meeting of water wholesalers at the new Wichita Waterworks Plant. This was an informational presentation of the future of water treatment and distribution from our provider. It started raining when I was in that meeting and by the time I made it back we were under water.

I submitted a small grant application for some improvements at the pond. This would be concrete and tables. We plan on doing this anyway, but we wanted to put in our application to see if KDWP would help create some staging stations for anglers. The pond and trail have been getting a lot of use.

Our next improvement for the Community Building will be bathroom flooring. The Old Agers group have contributed to the cost and we thank them immensely.

We have averaged 7.6 new build/remodels per year and I expect to hit that again this year. We are currently at four with four more in the works.

We had two Zoning hearings for lot splits with both approved. One at 13812 sw 30th and one at 255 W South street. Both of these in preparation of residences.

Mayor Gottschalk asked if I would insert a draft of a leak adjustment policy into the packet. I would like to bring a finished policy to you in July, so this one is a conversation starter for notation.

Maintenance:

We were shifted from our regularly scheduled projects to deal with weather event. Quite a few call outs this month for shifting sewer levels. We did have one pump rebuild, so you'll see that on our expense report.

Our sewer system ran at full capacity during the flood. We had water infiltration in at some hangar manholes and our south main lift station. The pumps usually alternate run times, but we had all six running for most of that day until they were able to catch up during the night.

Street patching in preparation of slurry sealing for 2025 is done. We have been hauling gravel that we didn't expect for a week to washouts. We mixed some millings in with the gravel along the south side of Stearman Estates for dust control. We will be monitoring that to see if we need to adjust the mix. We also have a test patch of this over by our tower to test light oiling and running the roller to pack it.				
Fish re-stocked on 6/2.				

Executive Session motion

Moved:

That the governing body recess into executive session IAW K.S.A. 75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters/attorney client privilege. Further, required to attend this session is the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body return to open session at ______PM