

PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
11/14/2024	11/18/2024	M. Engels

STATUS SUMMARY

CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Annexation	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing as services are considered
Budget	2	8/2025	Watch trends and steer 2024 to finish line
Development	Ongoing	Ongoing	Continued conversation with engineers

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Storage Building	98	2024	Most equipment moved. Water connected. A few upgrades to make: Shelving, some tools, air comp
Streets	100	2024	End of year crack sealing and winter prep
			-start planning for radius rebuilds

Administration:

Lynell started with us in October and we were able to send her to training on 10/28-10/30. It is nice to have her in the office, and she is getting a lot of things done that we've needed for awhile... organizing, scanning documents, and learning the utility billing/payment system.

We were asked earlier in the year to lobby ideatek to expand service to the Stearman Estates. After months of work, they have let us know that they are expanding services to the area. This installation should be less intrusive due to the open lots and newness of the area.

We're currently steering the budget ship for the end of the year, and we are looking good. I expect to make 100% of our year end transfers. The last time we did this was 2016. This is part of our larger budget plan to build our reserves and then have the ability to make town improvements in 2025 and beyond. I've included a chart of our transfer history.

We are working on a spring/2025 project with K-State Research and Butler County Extension to have a seed loaning library and education programs for gardeners in the Benton area. These will be educational classes in the Community Building with classes such Seed Starting, Gardening for Pollenators, and Garden Troubleshooting. This is a no cost program.

Maintenance

We had a good staff meeting last night and went over project prioritization for late 24/early 25. Included among those are street crack sealing and winterization, fleet servicing for winter, tree trimming and ditches along Prairie Creek in preparation for Council to make a decision on chip sealing.

Flags up for Veterans Day, and then Flags up for Christmas.

We plan on getting lights on the bridge in the coming week.

Replaced worn out signage on 20th.

Replaced Sewer Lagoon signage.

Trail Maintenance - filled in some cracks - more to do.

Trenched in electric for the Storage building.

Planning for organization of materials storage bays by the water tower.

