

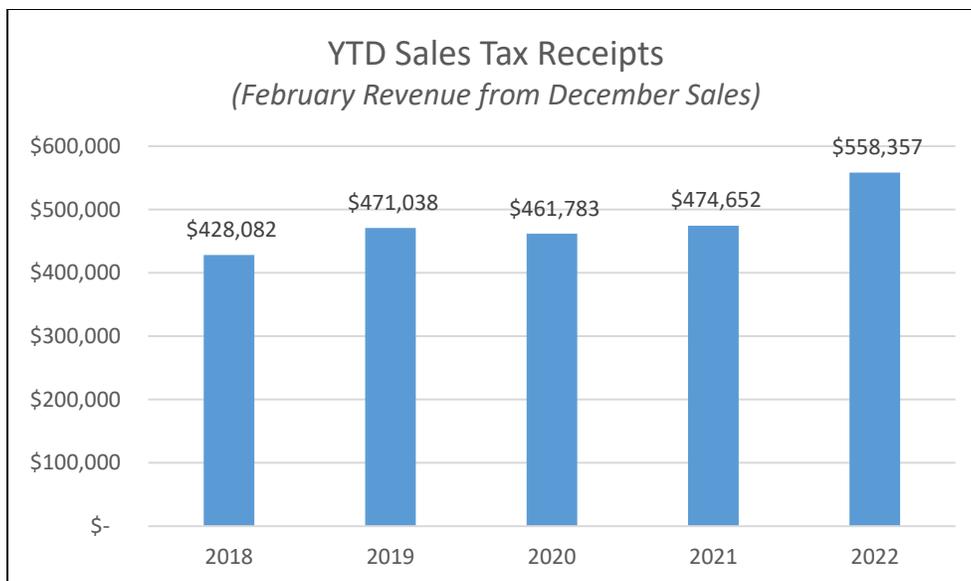
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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: February 25, 2022

Items of Note:

- This month, the City set a record for the highest monthly sales tax receipts collected during any given month. The City received \$289,652 in sales tax collected on retail sales occurring in December. The prior monthly record, set in May 2021, was \$281,619. Year-to-date, the City received \$558,357, which is 17.6% higher than last year's record setting pace. The City projects annual sales tax collections between \$2.85 million and \$3.0 million.



- Last week I reported that staff was having an internal discussion about e-scooters. After much deliberation, I have decided not to move this discussion forward to the City Commission for the time being. There are several obstacles (most notably the fact that state law prohibits their use on state highways) that need to be looked into further in order to effectively implement a scooter program. I do not think it is feasible to get the issue fully vetted before the scooter company wants to begin providing its services.
- I spoke again with representatives from the Corps of Engineers about the City's lake debt request. They were able to provide clearer direction of what the request needs to look like to give it the best probability of approval. The request will actually not ask for "loan forgiveness," although it will request a waiver of accruing interest. This effectively

means that Congressional action could reduce the current \$53 million obligation for future storage capacity to the amount of the loan before interest started accruing on it. For reference, the City owed \$18 million on the future storage capacity before interest starting accumulating after the ten-year interest free period following the initial draw of stored water. I am revising the City’s request letter based on the input received from the Corps. They also stated that this was the best time to submit a request as Congress was putting together the next version of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The WRDA provides the legislative mechanism for a request of this nature to be considered.

- The table below shows the City’s unaudited year-end financial position for various operating funds. This table allows you to see which funds spent down fund balance and which funds added to fund balance.

Year-End Treasurer’s Report (unaudited)		
Fund	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
General	\$2,981,014	\$2,394,975
Airport	\$122,246	\$154,576
Major Street	\$24,726	\$211,000
Stormwater	\$431,660	\$392,145
Tourism	\$281,735	\$298,980
Water	\$1,729,846	\$3,233,839
Sewer	\$1,127,418	\$1,540,509
Refuse	\$697,989	\$918,211
Compressed Natural Gas	\$36,505	\$25,761
Data Processing	\$231,313	\$296,944
TOTAL	\$7,730,345	\$9,555,863

- KDOT informed the City that the K-254 Corridor Management Study to look at planning and safety improvements along the K-254 corridor between I-135 and Shumway Road was approved for state funding. The local governments located along the corridor requested the study and agreed to participate in the cost of the project. The City’s share of the project is \$11,100.
- Staff met with Todd Carter of Butler Community College to begin planning improvements to East Park to better accommodate softball activities. The meeting was to start a conversation about the projects that both the City and College would like to see in the park and to discuss a plan for constructing a concession stand/restroom facility. Butler has also expressed an interest in constructing a locker room and potentially fencing off the North Field for exclusive use. Communication with Dr. Krull suggests that the concession stand/restroom facility may wait until 2023 or 2024 so the College can formalize its plans and raise funds.
- I have started to meet with randomly selected employees for lunch each month. These meetings provide an opportunity for employees to ask questions or discuss a specific topic. In this month’s meeting we discussed topics to use to inform the public through comedy shorts. The City plans to create a production company (Prospector Productions)

that will produce short skits to inform and entertain the public. There are countless examples of interesting things the City does that could provide a laugh given the right context. I figure people will be more inclined to watch something entertaining than watch a technically sound explanation that takes ten to fifteen minutes for “eye time.”

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and currently advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4), Public Works Equipment Operator (3), Firefighter, Water Treatment Operator, Sanitation Lead, and Pool Manager.
- Brandon Lindahl, who serves as a Sanitation Lead, will leave the City for another opportunity on March 4. He operates the automated trash truck. The City has one other employee who can operate the truck, although he serves in the capacity of mechanic.
- Emily Escareno started her career with the El Dorado Fire Department this week. The Fire Department has no vacancies.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **March 2 Work Session** – ARPA Fund Designation; ARPA Funds and Handheld Radios; Executive Limitations Policies; Outcomes Policies Development
 - **March 7 Regular Meeting** – Myers East 2nd Addition Replat; ARPA Fund Designation; ARPA Funds and Handheld Radios
 - **March 16 Work Session** –
 - **March 21 Regular Meeting** –
- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Augusta Wholesale Water Agreement; Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning

Other Events of Interest:

- **March 1** – Annual Chamber Dinner, 5:30 pm (Civic Center)
- **March 25** – Chief Ziemann’s Retirement Party, 2:30 to 4:30 pm (City Hall)