

Mayor Year End Report - 2024

Public Works

Fire Department

- **Fire Department building**- Building completed and held open house on May 4th
 - *We used FOB Grant and PBC funds and money saved for this project to build the fire department building. So, there was no additional taxes needed for this project.*
- 16th year our Fire Department has served hotdogs on Halloween
- Sharing Tree Project – gifts for families and children.
- School Zone Flashing Lights
- Lead and Copper inventory – lots of help from city hall staff and codes
- Water Plant – carbon feeder
- Cemetery – trees – new software
- Remote control system for River pumps

La Cygne Water Company

- **Water Plant** analysis of current capacity – completed. We have a full set of recommendations with breakdown of choices. The council will decide how to proceed.
- **Water purchase agreement with LVL** – Completed. The City of Linn Valley is working on water lines and other infrastructure once they are ready we will begin providing water.
- Repeated disconnections and reconnections continue to be an issue also theft of services (owner or renter turning on the water themselves after disconnection)

Sewer Company

- **Sewer Lagoons** desludging commenced

Gas Company

- **Emergency gas supply and cost situation** – *Follow up:* We continue to monitor the gas prices on a monthly basis – and KMGGA has changed their practice of how much to lock in at the start of each month.

Streets

- **Street project** is in the planning stages
 - Measuring current street input on map now

Stormwater

- Master plan is complete. The council reviewed in workshop

Oak Lawn Cemetery

Removing trees and software program

Parks

More Christmas decorations and possible electric in future

Parking discussion by facilities committee

Police Department

- Chief Fenoughty resigned – Craig Haley interim Chief
- Chief Mathies was hired
- Codes Enforcement-Devon Canada
 - Continuing to work on cleaning up our city
 - Condemnation recommendations Submitted in March prioritize
 - 610 Locust
 - 318 4th st
 - 408 vine
 - 402 s Broadway
- Policies
 - Body Armor
 - Vehicle Take home policy
 - SOP - Body worn video cameras
- Purchased Lexipol – program that provides SOP for Police department that is customizable and offers continual training
- UTV ATV vehicle policy for our city
- Chickens
- Purchased a bundle from AXON of taxers and body cameras

City Hall

- **Safety Award** – La Cygne earned a Gold Award for Safety Practices from KMIT safety auditors 2024
- City Budget Flyer/newsletter with infrastructure projects
- Pool Management and EAP improvement
- **Old Community Building** – Now used as the drop off for Meals on Wheels program as well as continued use for Governing Body meetings and municipal court. We will discuss making changes to further utilize the building to make the best use of tax payer monies.
- **Court- Judge John Purvis- Court clerk Connie Gore**
- **Jodi awarded 2024 Ron Huxman distinguished service award from KMGGA**
- **Revised Job descriptions, Pay Schedules and review process** and set clear guidelines for staffing for our city. These are the positions recommended by the governing body:
 - City Clerk
 - City Treasurer/Court Clerk
 - Deputy City Clerk
 - Police Chief – Job description – modified in 2024
 - Senior Police Officer
 - Rookie Officer

- Codes Enforcement Officer
- Public Works Superintendent
- Public Works Operator 2
- Public Works Operator 1
- Public Works Laborer 2
- Public Works Laborer 1
- Compactor Operator
- Cemetery Caretaker

Governing Body

- **City Property on 602 N 5th Street** – Sold with Deed restrictions
- **Special meetings:** This year our Council and support staff attended quite a few special meetings and performed extra work for various committees. This requires a lot of extra time outside of council meetings. That really helps move business along but does require extra commitments and we appreciate that dedication from everyone involved.
- **Proclamations** – Honoring the Prairie View Students and athletes for hard work and dedication resulting in State Championship competitions \ Bill = Keith Proclamation
- **Outreach to Schools** – If I were Mayor – high school mock council and 3rd grade lunch
- **Weiner Dog Races** = Mayor organized Weiner Races on Father’s Day at the ball fields – in 2025 races will be during Blast in the Park
- **New home permits this year**
- **Working with area water districts to review contracts and look forward to working together for good of area**

Planning and Zoning Commission

- **Comprehensive plan** -Complete
- Working on the review of our policies in the Planning and Zoning book
- Lots of work with Special use Permits – Harsco – reed mineral and mobile home parks

LaHarper Heights Board

Public Building Commission

Other important information

- **Businesses** –
 - **Rustic Rebel**
 - **Savage Cuts**
- **Flood plain mapping is complete and shared with the public**

Policy updates and changes

- *Committees – changed standing committees to:*
 1. Utilities
 2. Street

3. Facilities

- a. Reviewed Parking at the big community Park

4. Public Safety

5. Employee Relations and Training

- *La Cygne concession stand and Field Use contract*
- *Green River Contract*
- *Passed Charter Ordinance 16 – street improvements*
- *Corrected oversight from 2018 – Pay for volunteer firemen*
- *Resolution 471 – Fireworks displays*
- *Ord 1530 – vegetation*
- *110 s 4th – Hotel*
- *Ord 1534 Keeping of Chickens*

Things we may see in 2025

- Reflective house numbers for each address in our city
- Video and/or Livestream for our council meetings
- Landlord license and rental agreements

Activities in the city

- Dog days- April or may
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Fling Pop up
- Prayer Breakfast
- Basketball Tournament sponsored by Reyo's
- City Wide Clean Up and Garage Sales
- Memorial Day events
- Farmers Markets - Fridays during growing months
- Dancetopia in June
- Blast in the Park/Swanfest
- Veterans Day
- Ray of Hope Fish Fry-October
- Halloween activities
- Election in November
- Thanksgiving/Holiday meal
- Customer Appreciation Day – City Hall
- Christmas on Broadway with Frozen Parade of lights