



THE CITY OF DURANT

City Department Updates 1/6/2023

City Clerk/Cemetery Administration

- Events to be held in the City in January:
First Friday – January 6
Maker’s Market – January 7, 14, 21 and 28

City Manager

- University Construction – Council approved a contract amendment and Change Order #4 for Schiralli Construction. City officials have signed the documents, which have been sent to Schiralli representatives for their signature. The company is expected to be mobilized on January 23, 2023.
- Animal Control – The shelter is full, and we are working with local organizations to host adoption events. Usually, we are able to work with local rescue organizations to send the animals to foster homes and/ or to shelter organizations out of state. Unfortunately, all of those organizations are at capacity, as well. On another note, we really must find the solution to building a new animal shelter.
- UCA/ SE Partnership - In partnership with the University of Central Arkansas (Community Development Institute) and Southeastern Oklahoma State University, we will be conducting community surveys and hosting town hall meetings for the next few weeks. These activities typically take place every five years in a community, and can be very helpful in trying to bring people together to work toward common goals. Our last such activity took place in 2018. Our PIO and Economic Development Director have been meeting with local business owners and other community partners to get the word out.

Community Development

- Staff helped present a training session for Planning Commissioners and Board of Adjustment members across the state for the Oklahoma Municipal League in Oklahoma City. Staff also virtually attended a meet and greet with current students of the University of Oklahoma’s Regional and City Planning Program to help kick off their mentoring program.

Economic Development

- Small Business Bootcamp-The next bootcamp dates have been established. Team Durant will help facilitate the bootcamp that will run February 6 through April 17. The focus will be on restaurants, with many locally owned restaurants already interested in attending.

Education Classes will provide education specific to the hospitality industry. Applications will be made available January 4.

Emergency Management

- The radar installation has been delayed again from the December date until January 12th, 2023. The radar is built and the installation crews are available. The steel platform for the radome, which will sit atop the water tower, has been delayed several times. This was outsourced by Barron. All components supplied directly from Barron are completed and waiting in their warehouse for installation.

Fire Department

- Services Performed in December – 27 permits issued, 44 inspections, three plan reviews, four smoke alarms installed, one fire investigation, three pre-fire plans.

Donald W. Reynolds Library

- Attendance monthly total (library stats only, no community center): 3,297
- Library was open 23 days in December.
- Average daily attendance: 143
- Circulation monthly (physical units): 3,195

Neighborhood Services

- 183 inspections performed, 346 code enforcements, 167 animal control responses.

Parks and Recreation

- Continued work for the Unity Statue area at Carl Albert. Depending on weather, we project should be completed by March 1.

Street Department

- Asphalt was added to the streets that were reported through the Public Works Admin office and were completed in order by severity.
- Street Sweeping has been done daily and on an “as-needed basis.” Street sweeping is done starting on Monday beginning with the north side of town and the driver works his way to the north side by week's end. Also being sure to address any streets that have been called in or reported online as needing attention.
- Traffic signal maintenance was completed on streets throughout the town.
- During the month of November an estimated 500 potholes were filled with asphalt to ensure there would be no further damage to the roads and to make sure our roads were safe and in compliance with our city standards.
- 100 street cuts were repaired with asphalt after M&O completed fixing water leaks throughout the city.

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