



City Manager's Monthly Report: March, 2025

Projects, Updates, Community Information, Staffing, General Operations

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The city has a tentative agreement in place with IAFF after 18 months of negotiation. The city continues to negotiation with POLC command but we are close to a TA.

Bids have come in for the city hall project. Veridus was able to negotiate some discounts for electrical work and the IT room AC upgrade but it is still a bit over budget. This was expected as our estimates were months out of date. Staff will be asking for bid award very soon.

Stash Ventures has installed their carbon scrubbers, a new back door, and they will be hiring an electrician to add anew circuit that will be used for odor mitigation separate from the building's HVAC units. Air balancing inspections will be conducted after this work is completed. Since the carbon filter installations, staff has detected no odors so they have made substantial progress to addressing the issue.

The City has moved from UofMich health plan since they shut down. We are now with BCBS and offer 4 plans. BCBS is very reliable and covers a lot of municipalities so we should be looking at a stable period as long as the city remains with BCBS.

The HDC met on March 19 and approved a demo by neglect letter for 110 W Main St. This is regarding the plaster relief façade at that location. The owner submitted an application for a certificate from the HDC to repair the façade. HDC will meet April 16 to consider that application. The owner has complied with the Demo by Neglect letter insofar as they have presented an application to the building department to fix the problems with the façade in the 60 day time period outlined in the letter. The HDC has not heard from the owners of 123 N Washington on an application to satisfy their Demo by Neglect letter. They still have some time left on the 60 day application period outlined in the letter (April 25).

The Mayor and I continue to meet with the Recycling Workgroup. At the March meeting, we heard from the director of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. It is a bit different up there and they have been offering curbside recycling throughout the county for some time. It is an interesting system as they own their own landfill and sorting facility so they can offset cost of service to users by selling the material after it is processed. This would not be an option in Owosso or the county since neither owns a landfill or sorting facility. However, it is a novel and interesting idea. I am now part of a subcommittee to talk specifically about curbside recycling and the workgroup is meeting in Corunna to learn from their curbside recycling program April 3.

I met with a local property owner regarding tax abatements for a potential project on the east side of town in a building that has sat long vacant. The owner is new to the process so we talked about the steps that she needs to take before an abatement application is appropriate. I've been trying to encourage new developers to take that plunge so it usually starts with some one-on-one education about the programs and what they can do. There is a misperception that abatements are "grants."

I had a call with an out of town investor/developer interested in a downtown property on Washington St. The location is prime for upper story residential redevelopment. I'm hoping to hear that the sale of the property went through so I can meet with him to discuss a project.

The leadership team participated in a food giveaway event hosted every month by the YMCA at the Baker College welcome center. This was a good opportunity to get out of the office and give back to the community as a group.

I've been meeting with individual council members who have shown interest in meeting to discuss the water rate proposal and some various options. Baker Tilly has recalculated to show those options but are doing some last minute adjustments before I can present them to city council.

I had lunch with Justin Horvath on the 21st where he filled me in on the Washington DC I-69 lobbying week that he attended. I usually attend this event in the nation's capital every year but I could not this time because of a full schedule at city hall. We are hopeful this new congress and administration would be willing to complete the build out of I69 from Canada to Mexico by completing the gaps that exist in the southern states. I've become close with some of the representatives from our I69 southern states and was happy they are proceeding with giving congress a full accounting of what's needed.

Brad and I have completed the staff-level budget meetings. I need to take some time this weekend to look over the draft before it is given to council the week of the 7th.

On April 2, lightning struck the flagpole in front of city hall. The strike broke the concrete surround a the base of the pole and blew a crater in the ground. City hall did not suffer any damage other than a loosened smoke detector. The damage to the concrete will be addressed when the front steps are rebuilt and the flag pole reset to correct a slight lean. This will have to be done at a later date subject to future budget approval. It wont be addressed in the FY 25-26 budget.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

<p>Curbside Recycling Required in Owosso by 2028</p>	<p>Passed in December of 2022, this legislation amended PA 451 of 1994 – specifically Part 115 – to mandate that all cities over a population of 5000 shall be required to have curbside recycling established with at least 90% of single family households within the city by January of 2028. Councilman Haber has been appointed by the County to serve on the committee charged with deciding how to make this transition. While the county is required to submit a plan to EGLE by July, 2024, the city will have additional responsibilities to address on its own – chiefly the implementation of curbside recycling by 2028.</p>	<p>Meetings continue with the Recycling Workgroup</p>
<p>Road Funding Pilot Program – Road Usage Charges</p>	<p>In 2024, MDOT is conducting a study with eligible Michiganders who responded to a survey in early 2024 to explore the viability of road use charges as opposed to the Act 51 gas tax formula for road funding. Road use charges would most likely include paying a few cents for each mile driven. The implementation of the pilot program will begin in Fall 2024.</p>	<p>Current state budget proposal includes \$7.8 million for an amended PILOT program for 2025. The previous program was based on a federal grant – which was denied.</p>

FEDERAL UPDATE

<p>Freeze on Federal Assistance Spending (except Medicare and Social Security)</p>	<p>On January 28, 2025, President Donald Trump issued an executive order pausing all federal grants and loans, including those from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to review programs and align spending with his administration’s priorities. This freeze affects a broad range of sectors, including education, healthcare, and infrastructure, while prioritizing policies like reducing inflation, bolstering energy production, and eliminating certain programs. Federal agencies must report on affected programs by February 10, with the freeze remaining in effect until reviews are completed. Concerns are mounting over disruptions to vital programs like Meals on Wheels and public health services, as the freeze creates uncertainty for organizations dependent on federal funding.</p> <p>The USDA has not yet provided specific guidance on how this pause will affect grants that have been awarded but not yet spent. Organizations holding unspent USDA grant funds should anticipate potential delays or disruptions in accessing these funds until the review is completed. It is advisable to monitor official USDA communications and consult directly with USDA program officers for the most current information and guidance.</p>	<p>Could affect the city’s USDA funding for the public safety building. Still unclear but we are proceeding with bid documents.</p>
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<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS</p>		
<p>Westown craft brewery – \$400,000 CRP grant - 2022</p>	<p>\$800,000 project to redevelop a historic Westown storefront building into a craft brewery and upper story housing. Total state grant amount estimated at \$400,000 through the Community Revitalization Program grant</p>	<p>Complete. Brewery open!</p>
<p>123 N Washington project – estimated \$1.2 million CRP grant - 2022</p>	<p>\$4.7 million redevelopment of downtown building to include 11 new upper story residential units and a restored historic façade. This project includes local tax abatements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Funding Breakdown:</u></p> <p>Grants/Abatements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$403k – Brownfield (abatement) • \$85k – OPRA (abatement) • \$1.5 mil – CRP/MSF (Grant) • \$145k – County Land Bank (Grant) <p>Private/Developer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.6 mil 	<p>MSF Board Approved Grant Funding in Dec 2023. Owners pursuing historic tax credits. HDC approved CofA in November 2024. CofA rescinded by HDC in Jan 2025. HDC Plans to issue demolition-by-neglect enforcement action in February</p>
<p>Old Middle School project - 2022</p>	<p>Estimated \$18 million redevelopment to include 50-54 new residential units. This project will most likely include LITEC and historical tax credits. This project was granted a 4% PILOT for the life of the mortgage but only for the previous developer. The new developer will ask for a similar PILOT ordinance to</p>	<p>4% PILOT approved. State tax credits approved. In Oct, 2024 Venture informed the city that project was on hold pending election</p>

	be granted. The tax credit application was approved in April 2024. Construction commencement: TBD	results. Now they are saying that no one will invest in the tax credits needed to close funding gaps. I am beginning to get concerned about Venture’s ability to close this deal with OPS.
114 W Main St Upper Story Housing - \$700,000 rental rehab grant - 2021	This project will add 7 new residential units on the 3 rd floor of this downtown building. The first two floors are commercial. This project includes tax abatements already granted.	Complete
Washington Park/Woodland Trails Housing Development Project - \$14,000,000 - 2024	This project will build 14 new condo units in the Woodland Trails development and 14-16 multi family units on the Washington Park site. The developer will be requesting a 24 year brownfield to reimburse them for infrastructure and other eligible costs identified in the plan. Infrastructure Work scope includes sanitary sewer with lift station, water main installation, and street resurfacing on Wesley Dr from Water to Washington and water main installation on Washington St from North to Wesley. Design work is completed but Venture says there is a significant funding gap. They are working with MSDHA to close that gap with grant funding.	Brownfield Plan Approved. Sewer bid awarded. Condos are starting to be built in WT. WP working on construction schedule and necessary agreements with the city. Venture now pursuing CDBG funds through MSHDA as additional assistance with the project for the Washington Park component.
MEDC RAP Grant – Curwood Place – 344 W Main St - 2024	\$1,358,000 to rehabilitate upper story apartments. The owner has also shown interest in having a mural painted on the side of the building – possibly in partnership with SAC.	Awarded. OPRA approved by city April, 2024. Construction starting soon since the closure of Magoo’s.
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	\$39,558,000	

PROJECTS/ISSUES OF PUBLIC INTEREST		
Matthews Building Site	Site backfilled, hydro-seeded, and secured. Code enforcement will be issuing additional violations for the condition of the building that remains. Sold to local developer. Building plans presented to HDC in December 2023. Construction is restarted with the approval of a recent MEDC grant.	Sold to private developer – September 2023. HDC approved building exterior renovation and addition Dec 2023. Construction stalled pending a state grant application and local RLF grant for fire suppression. State Grant LOI approved for \$350,000 (Feb 26)
City Club Building (Exchange Street)	After an interior collapse occurred in June, 2023 a natural gas line was severed and repaired. The building official red-tagged the building and required owner to submit stamped engineering report detailing the building’s structural integrity.	Building official concerned with worker safety if front façade is saved while removing debris from collapse.

	<p>Stabilization of front and rear walls complete. Owner and Engineer to present plan to Building department to clear debris and secure site. Historic District Commission issued demolition by neglect notice. Notice has since been lifted. Owner says he plans to apply for land bank grant to clean debris. Land bank did not receive completed application and funding was denied. Land bank awarded grant to the city to satisfy court ordered demolition. Façade will be saved per HDC order.</p> <p>UPDATE: Land Bank has not yet released the bids. The state land bank has issues with the wall being saved as it does not qualify as “stabilization” under their rules.</p>	<p>Structural report received. Façade is salvageable but will be costly. Land bank has \$120-150k available to assist. Remaining amount would be paid by city and assessed to the owner. Est cost of cleanup and saving façade: \$500k to \$700k (subject to SCLB bidding process)</p>
<p>123 N Washington (5th 3rd)</p>	<p>MSF board approved \$1.2 million CRP grant in Dec 2023. Architectural plans complete. Building department waiting for permit application. After that is received, the HDC will consider approval for exterior. Building permit cannot be approved until HDC signs off on exterior plan.</p>	<p>SHPO tax credit was denied. Developer now applying to National Parks Service for tax credits. HDC issued CofA for restoration project but then rescinded it and issued a demo by neglect letter instead. Owner will most likely fight the enforcement but I’m hoping for cooler heads.</p>

Grants			
Grant	Amount	Status	Description
<p>Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – 2024 (7497-01)</p>	<p>\$1,622,500</p>	<p>Awarded</p>	<p>Part of a \$3.4 million project, this state ARPA grant will help replace water main: N Dewey, Young, W Stewart, Grace, and Tracy St. Lead service lines in water main project areas and make improvements to the WTP: replace backwash pump, process piping, obsolete controls, communications equipment, and gravity filter improvements.</p>
<p>Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund - 2023</p>	<p>\$1,033,750</p>	<p>Awarded</p>	<p>This grant will help with lead service line replacement, water main replacement, and well upgrades. It’s part of a \$4,045,000 project to continue improving the Owosso water system. Water Main: North, Lee, Clyde, Lunn, Huron, Milwaukee. Lead Service replacements in water main project areas. SCADA upgrades at water treatment plant. Improvements to Palmer 3a and Juniper wells. Fishbeck water study. Remainder of cost will be paid with low interest SRF loans.</p>
<p>Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund - 2023</p>	<p>\$1,412,500 plus \$5,300,000 loan forgiveness</p>	<p>Award – 2023</p>	<p>This grant plus loan forgiveness program will partially fund improvements at the wastewater plant to include: filter replacement, disinfection system replacement, electrical and SCADA upgrades, and solids drying. Total cost of the project is \$19,000,000. The remainder of the cost will be paid with low interest SRF loans. Project has begun. Old chlorine tanks removed and plant processes temporarily bypassed to facilitate construction.</p>

Railroad Grade Repair Grant	\$181,653	Awarded	This grant is from MDOT and will fund the replacement of the railroad crossing at S. Cedar Street.
ARP Grant – Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP - 2021	\$80,708	Award Updated	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is making payments to providers based on the amount and type of Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services provided to rural beneficiaries from January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Initial award was \$56,200. An additional \$24,530 was awarded in Dec 2021.
ARPA Funding - 2021	\$1,510,000	Awarded	1 st payment received. Last payment will be received in 2022. Public online survey completed. Waiting on Council members to submit project application scoring to staff. \$750,000 has been allocated to water infrastructure.
MSHDA NEP Grant - 2023	\$75,000	Awarded	Used to assist low-income home owners with eligible exterior home improvements up to \$7,500. Application being drafted.
MSHDA MI HOPE Grant - 2023	\$105,000	Awarded	This grant program is designed to encourage and facilitate energy-efficiency focused residential housing repairs and upgrades to owner occupied homes and non-owner occupied single-family homes and multi-family properties consisting of a maximum of three total units within both rural and urban areas.
DNR Grant for Holman Pool Building - 2020	\$150,000	Cancelled	Bids came back more than twice what was budgeted for the project due to increases in labor and material costs. The building will be used for storage.
EGLD DWAM Grant - 2019	\$460,000	Awarded	Original work scope includes investigating 364 water service lines through the city, updating distribution system material inventory, and updating the water asset management plan. The project is funded by a grant from the State of Michigan. All addresses on the original list, change order no. 1 list, and change order no. 2 list have been hydro-excavated at the curb stop. Hard surface restoration is in progress.
EGLD Service Line Replacement Funding - 2020	\$3,000,000	Awarded	Owosso’s application was scored the highest this round. Project plan submitted July 1, 2021. This is 100% forgiven loan (Booker Funding) through the state’s revolving loan fund program. Dollars will be used to replace water service lines subject to LCR requirements.
EGLD Service Line Replacement Funding (2)	\$1,345,000	Awarded	This partial loan forgiveness funding is tied to the application above. This project involves more LSR replacements coupled with the replacement of the Center St water main and rehabilitation of the water system elevated towers. This opportunity is 30% Booker forgivable. Remainder of this project will need ARPA funding to complete.
FEMA SCBA Grant - 2022	\$250,000	Denied	This grant replaces the OFD’s breathing apparatuses. This is the second year we have been denied.
FEMA Radio Grant - 2021	\$1,200,000	Denied	This grant was in conjunction with other municipalities to replace OFD’s radio units.
Federal COPS Grant - 2022	\$582,875 over 3 years	Denied	This grant funds up to 3 new police officer positions for 3 years. If awarded, the city would be required to continue funding these positions for an additional year.
Saginaw WIN Grant - 2020	\$10,500	Awarded	To help fund the Middle School area kayak launch.
Safe Routes to School - 2022	\$600,000	Awarded	Work scope includes constructing ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at various locations within the city along with constructing new sidewalks primarily in the Middle School area. The project is complete.

Consumers LED Rebate - 2021	\$5,460	Completed	Replace light fixtures in City Hall with more efficient LED lights
Small Urban Grant - 2022	\$375,000	Denied	Reconstruct Chipman St from Beehler to M-21.
MEDC WRI Grant - 2021	\$1,600,000	Denied	Replace water main, streets, and LSLs on Center, Clyde, Huron, Lynn, and Milwaukee Streets. 25% match required.
MCACA Grant - 2020	\$82,500	Denied	Replace library AC, Library steam pipes, Gould House heat and AC, and Castle boiler. Required \$82,500 match. Will know in September, 2021 if we are awarded.
Small Urban Grant - 2019	\$375,000	Awarded	Reconstruct Gould St from Oliver to Moore.
T-Mobile Hometown Grant - 2020	\$45,300	Denied	Possibly help fund the Middle School Kayak Launch project so no millage money would be needed to complete the project. This would add to the Saginaw WIN Grant already awarded.
Wellhead Protection Grant - 2021	\$52,000	Denied	Fund wellhead educational activities, groundwater audit, wellhead protection software, and update the city's wellhead plan.
Consumers Tree Planting Grant - 2022	\$2,600	Awarded	Consumers Energy's tree planting grant program to assist with annual fall tree planting in 2022.
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – Woodlawn	\$108,621	Denied	Replace RR crossing at Woodlawn Ave. Funding: 60% MDOT/40% RR
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – Chestnut - 2023	\$81,765	Denied	Replace RR crossing at Chestnut St. Funding: 60% MDOT/40% RR
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – Cedar - 2022	\$181,653	Awarded - 2021	Replace RR crossing at Cedar St. Funding 60% MDOT/40% RR
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – S. Chipman - 2023	\$112,381	Denied	Replace RR crossing at S Chipman St. Funding: 60% MDOT/40% RR
FY 2023 DWSRF – Water	\$1,011,250	Awarded	Replace water main on North, Lee, Clyde, Lunn, Huron, and Milwaukee St and LSRs (see below for project specifics). SCADA control upgrade at water plant. Wells at Palmer and Juniper. Fishbeck water study. Grant amount is 25% of total project cost. Remainder to be funded by SRF low interest loans.
FY 2023 CWSRF – Sewer	\$6,712,500	Awarded	Replace waste water plant treatment towers (3). This represents 50% of the cost of the project funded by grants and forgivable loans. The remainder will be funded by low interest SRF loans. Total cost now \$19 million. Due to inflation and increase in construction costs, council decided to reduce the project scope by delaying the tower replacement portion of the project
DNR Spark Grant - 2022	\$752,500	Application delayed to resolve property ownership issue.	Make improvements to the James Minor River Trail along Jerome St to coincide with future street reconstruction. Grant will fund trail improvements and paving from Washington St to the Oakwood walk bridge.
Match on Main - 2022	\$25,000	Awarded	Grant from MEDC to Aviator Jayne for business expansion.
Match on Main - 2022	\$25,000	Awarded	Grant from MEDC to Taphouse Meat Market for business creation.
Consumers Tree Grant – 2023	\$3,000	Awarded	Grant from Consumers Energy to plant 15 trees in the city right of way.
FY 2024 DWSRF (7497-01) – Water - 2023	\$1,745,000	Awarded	Total project cost (SRF loan): \$3,490,000. 50% principal forgiveness. This project will replace water main on Dewey, Young, Tracy, Grace, and W Stewart Streets. It will also pay for WTP improvements: backwash pump replacement, process piping replacement, communication and controls upgrades, and sand filter rehabilitation.
MEDC RAP Grant – DDA Downtown Lights - 2023	\$300,000	Awarded	The scope of work is street light removal and replacement including new conduit and wiring on the following streets:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comstock from Water to Park • Washington from Water to Main (M-21) • Main (M-21) from Washington to Park (south side only) • Park from Comstock to Main (M-21) (west side only) <p>The project is funded by ARPA funds and a RAP grant. The project is complete.</p>
MEDC RAP Grant – Curwood Place – 344 W Main St - 2023	\$1,358,000	Awarded	This grant will pay for the rehabilitation and addition of upper story residential units at 344 W Main Street.
CIS Trail Appropriation - 2024	\$4.4 million	Awarded	Legislative appropriation from State to complete the gap in the CIS trail and make improvements to trail along Jerome St. Scope of work includes trail construction from the existing Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) trail termination at Smith Road to Chestnut St, bike lane installation on Chestnut St, Stewart St, and Washington St, James Miner Trail reconstruction from Hickory St to Oakwood St, and paving the Sam & Opal Voight walkway from Washington Street to the boardwalk. The project also includes rehabilitating Jerome St from Hickory St to Oakwood St. Design work is in progress by Fleis & Vandenbrink. Work is scheduled to take place in 2025 and 2026.
MSHDA NEP – 2024	\$75,000	Awarded	Assists low income home owners with eligible exterior home improvements up to \$24,000 each.
MSHDA MIHope – 2024	\$365,000	Awarded	Assist low income home owners with eligible energy efficient upgrades up to \$25,000 each. In October, 2024 an additional \$100,000 was granted to the city for being a “high performer” in the program.
EPA Community Change Grant – Memorial - 2024	\$11,000,000	Awaiting decision	<p>The EPA Community Change Grant, funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, provides approximately \$2 billion to help disadvantaged communities address environmental and climate justice challenges. The grants support projects that reduce pollution and build community resilience. Eligible applicants include partnerships of community-based organizations with tribes, local governments, or educational institutions. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until November 21, 2024.</p> <p>The City seeks to partner with Memorial Healthcare to seek \$11 million to build the first phase of equalization storage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an attempt to lift the 2005 consent order from EGLE.</p>
EPA Community Change Grant – YMCA - 2024	\$11,500,000	Denied	Much like the memorial grant above, this application is for the same program only the city would partner with the YMCA for a community resiliency project. The Y is looking to address issues of climate change by better preparing the community for more hazardous weather events caused by climate change. The city’s portion of the grant would pay for clean water initiatives via the construction of wastewater retention at the wastewater plant. Unlike the memorial grant, this application would add an additional city component addressing clean air initiatives with the replacement of the library’s heating system. This would replace the ancient steam boiler with a modern high-efficiency hydronic boiler system.
TMF Grant – EGLE (Lead Service Line ID) - 2024	\$600,000	Awarded	The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has established the Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for Lead Line

			Replacement grant. This program, with an appropriation of \$48 million, aims to assist publicly owned community drinking water systems in lead service line replacement efforts. The grants, with a maximum award of \$600,000 per proposal, prioritize communities that have not previously received funding and those with lower Median Annual Household Income (MAHI). Work scope includes investigating approximately 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydro-excavating and inside the building at the water meter. Notification for scheduling investigations inside the building are in progress. Investigation at the curb stop is scheduled for Summer 2025.
MiNeighborhood MSHDA - 2024	\$395,300	Awarded	<p>The Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) MI Neighborhood grant program provides funding to enhance community living and directly assist homeowners through various eligible activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Rehabilitation: Exterior repairs such as roof replacements, siding, windows, doors, and accessibility improvements like ramps and handrails. • Energy Efficiency Upgrades: Enhancements like insulation, energy-efficient windows, and HVAC system improvements to reduce utility costs. • Accessibility Modifications: Interior adjustments to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities, including bathroom modifications and kitchen adaptations. • Public Amenity Enhancements: Community-wide projects such as park improvements, playground installations, and the creation of community gardens. <p>Eligibility for homeowner assistance typically includes income limits (usually up to 120% of the Area Median Income), property ownership as a primary residence, and location within the city. Up to \$40,000 per project.</p>
James Minor Trail Grant	\$70,000	Awarded	Widen and resurface the James Minor Trail from Gould Street to the Corunna footbridge with DNR approved stone.
SHPO Grant for Congregational Church	\$28,480	Applied	Repair interior plaster around stained glass windows. HDC Grant.
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED	\$33,851,374 – 68%	<i>Grants Denied</i>	<i>\$15,990,442 – 32%</i>

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS			
2024-2025 Sidewalk Replacement		The contract was extended to October 5, 2025. The focus area for sidewalk replacement in 2025 is the area bounded by Woodlawn Ave, Corunna Ave, Abrey Ave, and the south city limits. This work is scheduled to begin in July 2025.	
2023-25 Street Patching		Work scope includes patches on various streets within the city of Owosso needed for	

		water main breaks, sewer repairs, etc. The contract was extended to November 30, 2025. This work will begin again in Spring 2025.	
2025 Pavement Marking		Scope of work is re-painting pavement markings at various locations throughout the city. The project is advertised for bids with an April 8, 2025 bid opening. Worked is planned for Summer 2025.sewer lin	
2025 Chip Seal Program		The scope of work is double chip and fog seal on the following streets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy from Frederick to Stewart • Ament from Lyon to Cedar • Ament from Walnut to Shiawassee (M-52) • Mary from Chipman to State • Hiram from Chipman to State • State from South to Mary The project has been awarded to Highway Maintenance with work planned for July 2025.	2025
2025 Street Program		Projects planned for street resurfacing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Howell Street from south end to Clinton. Work scope includes crush and shape with asphalt resurfacing. The project has been awarded to Glaeser Dawes Corporation with an April, 2025 start date. 2. Lynn Street from west end to Clinton. Work scope includes crush and shape with asphalt resurfacing. The project has been awarded to Glaeser Dawes Corporation with an April, 2025 start date. 	2025
Street Projects	Jerome: Hickory to Oakwood	Work scope includes crush and shape with asphalt pavement construction along with minor drainage upgrades. Project is on hold until funding is available.	On hold pending funding.

UTILITIES (Water and Sewer)

Project	Project Name/Description	Status	Completed
2025 TMF Service Line Investigations		Work scope includes investigating approximately 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydro-excavating and inside the building at the water meter. Notification for scheduling investigations inside the building are in progress. Investigation at the curb stop is scheduled for Summer 2025.	
2025 Sewer Lining		Scope of work is cured in place pipe lining on sanitary and storm sewers at various locations. The project is advertised for bids with an April 22, 2025 bid opening. Work is planned for late Spring/early Summer 2025.	

<p>Lead Service Line Identification Project</p>	<p>Funded by TMF Grant. Will ID 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydro-excavating and inside the building at the water meter.</p>	<p>Notification for scheduling investigations inside the building are scheduled to be sent in the Fall 2024. Investigation at the curb stop is scheduled for Summer 2025.</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p>
<p>Water Treatment Plant</p>	<p>SCADA System - 2023</p>	<p>Kick-off meeting with Tetra tech was 10.30.20. Design phase completed. Included in next DWRF loan application.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>Water Main Projects – 2025</p>		<p>Work scope includes water main replacement including non-compliant water service line replacement on the following streets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nafus Street from south end to Frederick 2. Grace Street from Cedar to Shiawassee 3. Young Street from Chestnut to Brooks 4. Olmstead Street from Ward to Chipman 5. Harding Avenue from Willow Springs to Hanover 6. Hanover Street from Harding to Riverside <p>The project was approved as part of the State of Michigan Department of EGLE 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project. Design work is in progress with construction planned for late Summer 2025.</p>	<p>Summer 2025</p>
<p>S Chestnut St Rail Crossing and Westtown Drainage</p>	<p>S Chestnut Street H&E Railroad Crossing – south of M-21</p>	<p>A property owner near the RR crossing is concerned with their property being partially flooded during very heavy rain events. The ditch in the RR right of way overflows and it is suspected that debris in the ditch clogs the culvert. City engineer and city manager met with RR personnel in Sept 2023 where we were informed the RR will not clean/clear the ditch but would allow us access to the ditch to create a debris catch for the culvert. If that does not work, we will have to approach the township and drain commission for a study to assess required improvements to the drainage system in the area. This project is not on the city’s latest approved Capital Improvement Project. Staff met with property owners in westtown and the drain commissioner in October. A 1998 study will need to be updated in partnership with Owosso Twp, County, and MDOT per the rules for “Chapter 20 cost share” county drains. City’s contribution of study will be 51%.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

<p>Future Water Main Projects</p>		<p>Projects submitted to EGLE for FY2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) funds for water main replacement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nafus Street from south end to Frederick 2. Gilbert Street from Mason to Oliver 3. Clinton Street from Cedar to Shiawassee 4. Olmstead Street from Ward to Chipman 5. Harding Avenue from Willow Springs to Hanover 6. Hanover Street from Harding to Riverside 7. Stewart Street from Cedar to Shiawassee 8. Williams Street from Shiawassee to Washington 9. Dewey Street from Main (M-21) to King 	<p>Bonding approved by council in Feb 2025</p>
<p>2025 Sewer Televising Project</p>		<p>The following sewers are planned for televising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ament St between Lyon and Shiawassee (M-52) – storm sewer 2. Bennett Field Dr between Lafayette and Hoyt – storm sewer 3. Oliver St and Chipman St intersection – storm sewer 4. Hickory St between King and Osburn – storm sewer 5. Park Street between Osburn and Stratford – storm sewer 6. King St and Dewey St intersection – storm and sanitary sewer 7. Sanitary Sewer Interceptor from Robbins and Main (M-21) to Hathaway – sanitary sewer <p>The project has been awarded to MEC Underground Solutions. The project is about 95% complete.</p>	<p>2025</p>
<p>2025 Drainage Improvement Project – North St between Chipman and Hanover</p>		<p>Work scope includes ditch cleaning on the North St ditch between Chipman St and Hanover St and on the Coventry Ct ditch north of Stewart St. The project has been awarded to Wombat Services. The work on the Coventry Ct ditch is about 75% complete. The work on the North St ditch is scheduled to begin in April 2025, weather permitting.</p>	
<p>2025-27 Water Service Line Replacement Project</p>		<p>Work scope includes noncompliant water service lines replacements targeting 600 locations within the City of Owosso over a 3-year time period. The project was approved as part of the State of Michigan Department of EGLE 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project. Final plans and specifications have been submitted to EGLE for approval. Bid advertisement is scheduled for mid-April 2025. Construction is planned for late Summer 2025.</p>	<p>2025-2027</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">WATER TREATMENT PLANT</p>		
<p>Project Name/Description</p>	<p>Status</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>SCADA Upgrades</p>	<p>Upgrade and expand the SCADA system for the WTP and wells. Tower permit with FCC has been approved! Could</p>	<p>In process</p>

	take 12 weeks to hear back. Any existing or new wells can continue operation with SCADA – which could be implemented later. Standpipe radio install has been progressing with Tetra Tech and Countyline. Progress meetings on SCADA project help monthly.	
Lab Room Repairs	This project hinges primarily on stopping the roof leaks first. Fishbeck budgeted over \$750,000 to replace the roof. This replacement is on hold and only roof repairs will be completed until it has been determined that money will be invested in the current plant. In the meantime only essential improvements will be completed on the Lab and Control Room.	Lab has also been recertified after EGLE delay.
Palmer Well Rehab Project	Palmer 2 is due for a performance test, complete inspection and cleaning, pump and pipe rehab or replacement. Process piping is being installed and consumers energy is working on installing electric service.	Complete

PARKS/ CEMETERY/ FORESTRY/ NONMOTORIZED			
Project	Project Name/Description	Status	Completed
	CIS Trail Extension – Extend trail from Priest Rd. to City.	Scope of work includes trail construction from the existing Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) trail termination at Smith Road to Chestnut St, bike lane installation on Chestnut St, Stewart St, and Washington St, James Miner Trail reconstruction from Hickory St to Oakwood St, and paving the Sam & Opal Voight walkway from Washington Street to the boardwalk. The project also includes rehabilitating Jerome St from Hickory St to Oakwood St. Design work is in progress by Fleis & Vandenbrink. Work is scheduled to take place in 2026.	State funding approved for M-21 route. Working with MDOT on ROW permit.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS			
Library	Heating System Replacement	Abandon/dismantle existing steam boiler and distribution lines. Add hydronic boiler system. Est cost: \$500,000	On Hold
City Hall	Security and Accessibility - IT	Replace/Add technology at city hall for security and accessibility. Replace old doorbell on basement entry and upgrade silent alarm system.	Complete
	City Hall HVAC, electric service, and generator replacement	Replace RTUs, electric service panels, generator and transfer switch, and address structural issues with room below grade on west side of building.	Bids received. Council to consider bid award in April or May.
Public Safety	HVAC replacement/efficiency upgrades	As part of the city hall efficiency project, I’m also planning to propose replacement of the public safety building’s boiler and heating/cooling systems. As part of the project we would like to replace most of the overhead doors, garage bay ceiling panels, foam insulate the ceiling in garage bay, and replace worn entry doors.	Congressional appropriation through USDA approved. Approved by regional office. Waiting on

		UPDATE: May be on hold until Feb 10 (and possibly cancelled due to the President's recent executive order halting all federal assistance spending)	federal USDA office to approve
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