

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



PROJECT REPORT

November 2024

1-CENT SALES TAX PROJECT CATEGORIES

Beautification	Crime, Drug, & Alcohol Prevention
Community Development	Housing
Economic Development	Project Maintenance
Infrastructure	

Completed Projects

Water Slide Repair at Adventure Bay

Gelcoat repair is complete for the water slides at Adventure Bay Family Water Park. The slides will safely reopen in the upcoming 2025 season.

Recreation Center Gym Floor Replacement

During our roof replacement on the Recreation Center's gym, flooring damage occurred which required repair. Staff worked with the contractor responsible for damages to reimburse 50% of the cost for a full floor replacement.

Projects in Progress

McCray & Mahuron Park Splashpads

Final concrete work and fencing for the splash pads has started, with an estimated project completion this month. The splash pads will be ready to put into use in Spring 2025.



Pickleball Courts

Installation of four pickleball courts at Blue Bonnet Park north of the rental building began last week. This work is being completed in-house to reduce costs.

Community Art Mural

Nearly 350 residents took part in the first phase of community engagement activities to choose the themes for our art mural to be placed in Light Park. Local artist, Karem Gallo, will create three concept design sketches for another round of public voting to select a final design. The top seven themes chosen by the community were: Pancake Day, Wizard of Oz, Cultural Diversity, Agriculture, Welcoming/Friendly People, Aviation History, and Family/Friendship. The mural is funded in part by grant funds from the Kansas Arts Commission.

Launch Liberal 2035 Plan

Liberal's comprehensive plan is nearing the final phase of strategy development to support identified community goals. A draft plan will be presented in the Winter for public comment, Steering Committee review, and final Commission approval and adoption.



Washington Ave. Sidewalks, Curbs, & Gutters

Our Street Department has been working hard to replace sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along Washington Avenue from Second Street to Fourth Street on both sides of the roadway. Significant improvements have been made to improve visibility and safety along our parking lot at Second & Washington near Downtown businesses.

CityBus Transit Facility

Commissioners recently approved a bid for an architect to complete building plans and coordinate with construction contractors to create a new bus facility located at 118 E. 4th Street. The facility will provide secure indoor parking for the bus fleet and staff office space to conduct operations. The facility is being funded in large part by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Program Reports

Housing Programs

The following awards and funding were provided under housing assistance programs from January – October 2024:

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Paint-the-Town	57	\$19,950
First Time Homebuyer	37	\$105,000
Housing Construction Incentive	10	\$75,000
Emergency Home Repair	55	\$144,695

Our online content for Housing Programs has been updated. Sharing information about each of these programs with the public annually will be an ongoing strategy for maximizing program participation.

Façade Improvement Program

The following awards and funding were provided under the façade grant program from January – October 2024:

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Façade Grant	12*	\$92,792

*The Façade Improvement program has exceeded available funds, so applications for the current budget year have closed.