

Citizen Newsletter

City of Tonganoxie, KS

March 2020



Infrastructure Sales Tax Projects

New Library

The new Tonganoxie Public Library is open for your patronage! The City took possession of the building following completion by JE Dunn; a project that came in on time and within budget. The Tonganoxie City Council approved a Lease Agreement with the Library Board at the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting. The Lease allows the Library Board to operate in the facility and to promote educational opportunities for the Community. The City will continue to cover the debt service for the bonds issued to finance this project, which are scheduled to pay off in FY 2038, and in an amount of approximately \$5.3M.



Street Maintenance



The 2019 Street Maintenance program was bolstered by \$168,150 from special sales tax revenues. This additional funding allowed the following projects to be completed:

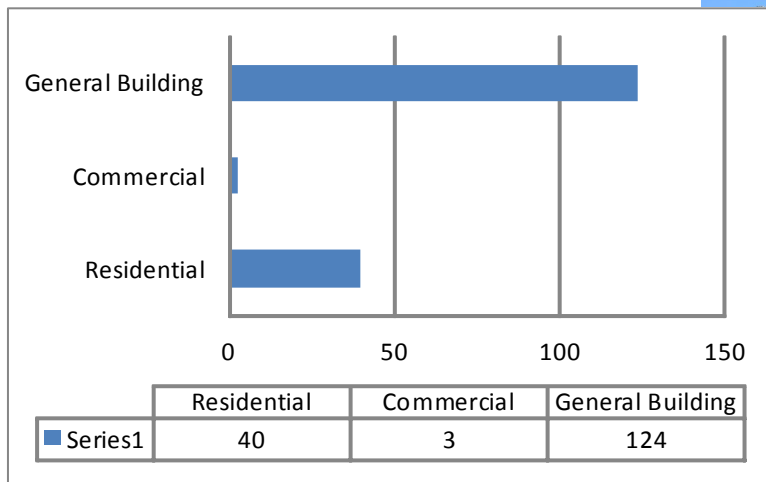
- Mill & Overlay projects – 9,152 linear ft, approximately 1.7 miles
- Chip & Seal projects – 9,249 linear ft, approximately 1.8 miles
- Replaced concrete & brick crosswalk at 4th St & Bury St
- Improved drainage at 1st St & Main with new concrete approach and ditch regrading

Development Activity—Investment in the Community

There were several new developments completed and proposed during FY 2019. In addition to the new Public Library, Casey's constructed and opened it's expanded store, with additional fuel pumps, larger square footage retail store including an expanded kitchen. Dan Lynch completed a redevelopment of the former Sutton Kolman commercial property, with a proposed Storage Facility and a 72 unit duplex development known as McGee Meadows, representing a \$9M investment. The Schoolyard Townhomes, a 32 unit multi-family proposal near the new Library, was advanced by Sunflower Development Group and Prairie Fire Development; the \$6.5M investment represents the first time either group brought capital investment to the County. City staff completed the scope of land development work associated with the new Business Park, funded by the \$5M Economic Development grant from the County.



FY 2019—167 Building Permits issued



Police Department Statistics

The Police Department continues to promote community outreach through the Lead to Read initiative at the grade school, security evaluations for local businesses, active shooter education for businesses/churches, and the KC Crime Commission safety programs at the high school.

In the chart to the right, TPD has compiled statistical data regarding crime rates with a comparison for years 2017 – 2019.

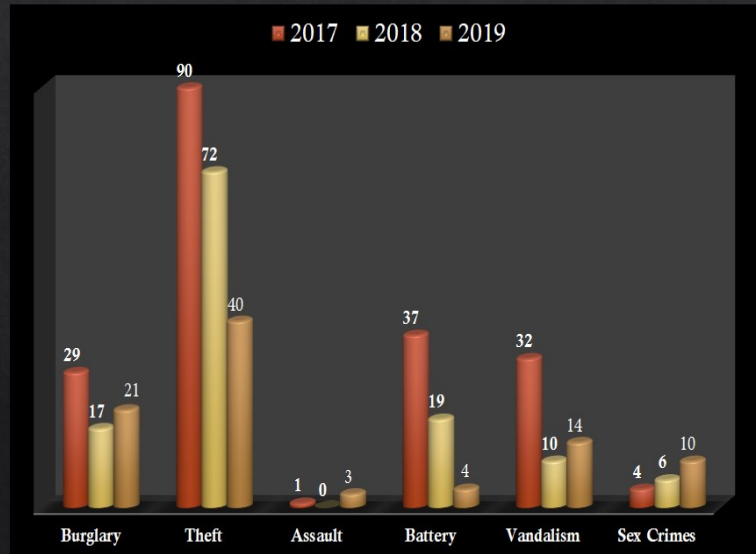
TPD has also updated their webpage, please be sure to visit at:

www.tonganoxiepolice.org



On March 2, 2020, KDOT and AAA presented TPD with the Platinum Award for Traffic Safety, the highest recognition possible. Congratulations TPD!

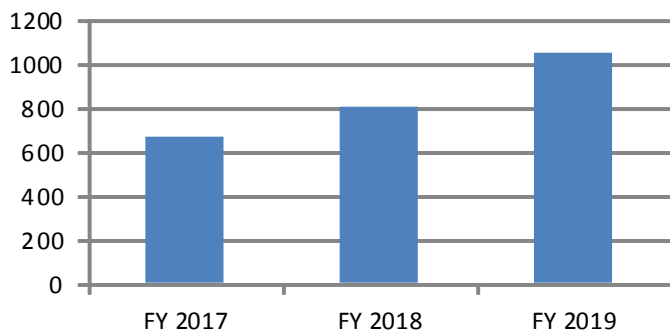
Crime Classifications and number of Occurrences 2017-2019



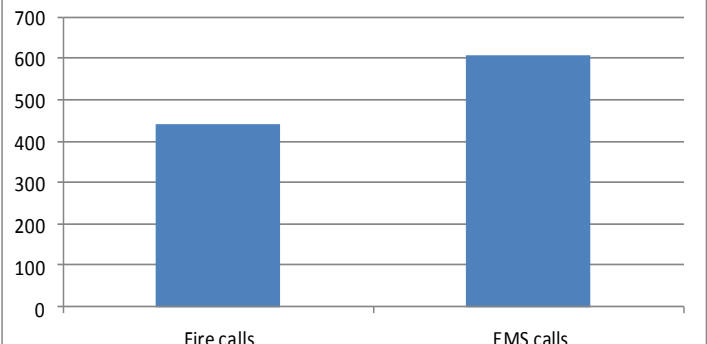
Fire Department Statistics & Initiatives

The Fire Department continues its dedication to the Community by promoting professionalism and training standards, reinstating and improving inspection processes. Of note, TFD conducted a total of 126 Fire Inspections for licensed local businesses. This free of charge service promotes the safety of business owners, employees and patrons, and often results in insurance savings for the property owner. During 2019, three TFD personnel were able to obtain certification as Fire Inspectors and Arson Investigators; and were able to establish an Infection Control Officer who oversees medical records for all public safety and public works staff.

Calls for service



FY 2019



How to Contact your Council Members



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Water Park Job Openings

The City of Tonganoxie is looking for energetic individuals with outstanding customer service skills to work at the Tonganoxie Water Park during the 2020 season. The following positions are available:

- ♦ Assistant Pool Managers
- ♦ Lifeguards, minimum age 15
- ♦ Admissions/Concession Clerks, minimum age 14

Employment opportunities @ www.tonganoxie.org



Code Enforcement—How to report a Code violation

Step 1: www.tonganoxie.org

Step 2: "I want to..."

Step 3: "Report..." "Code Violation"

Step 4: Complete & Submit

Our local property code provides a standard of use and maintenance in order to protect the value of all properties, including yours. If you have a concern about a neighbor's property, our professional code enforcement staff may be able to help.

We will respond to your report during normal business hours. If your concern requires immediate attention please call 9-1-1 for police assistance.

Complete the [online form](#) or download and print the [code violation complaint form](#) to be mailed in.