

Citizen Newsletter

City of Tonganoxie, KS

March 2021



How is Property Tax calculated?

Each Spring, Notices of Appraised Value are mailed to Real Estate property owners. These values are computed by the County Appraiser; and while there are avenues to allow an owner to dispute those values, the focus of this article is to explain how the value is calculated into the taxes you pay to multiple taxing jurisdictions. The **4-Step process** highlighted below illustrates the formula that takes Real Estate property values into tax revenue for a number of taxing agencies. The FY 2021 City of Tonganoxie Tax District total mill levy is 151.260.

Step 1: Example - a single family home with an Appraised Value of \$300,000

Step 2: Assessed Value - $\$300,000 \times 11.5\% = \$34,500$

Step 3: Mill Levy = 151.260

Step 4: Annual Taxes calculation, $(34,500/1,000) \times 151.26 = \$5,218.47$ Total Annual Property Tax

City	45.233 (Includes 7.851 for Library)
County	36.946
USD 464	67.581 (Includes 5 for Rec Commission)
State	1.50
Total Levy	151.260

The City share of this total is \$1,289.68

City Services

How \$1 in Property Tax in Tonganoxie City is distributed



For the City of Tonganoxie, Property Tax represents approximately 30% of Budgeted Revenue



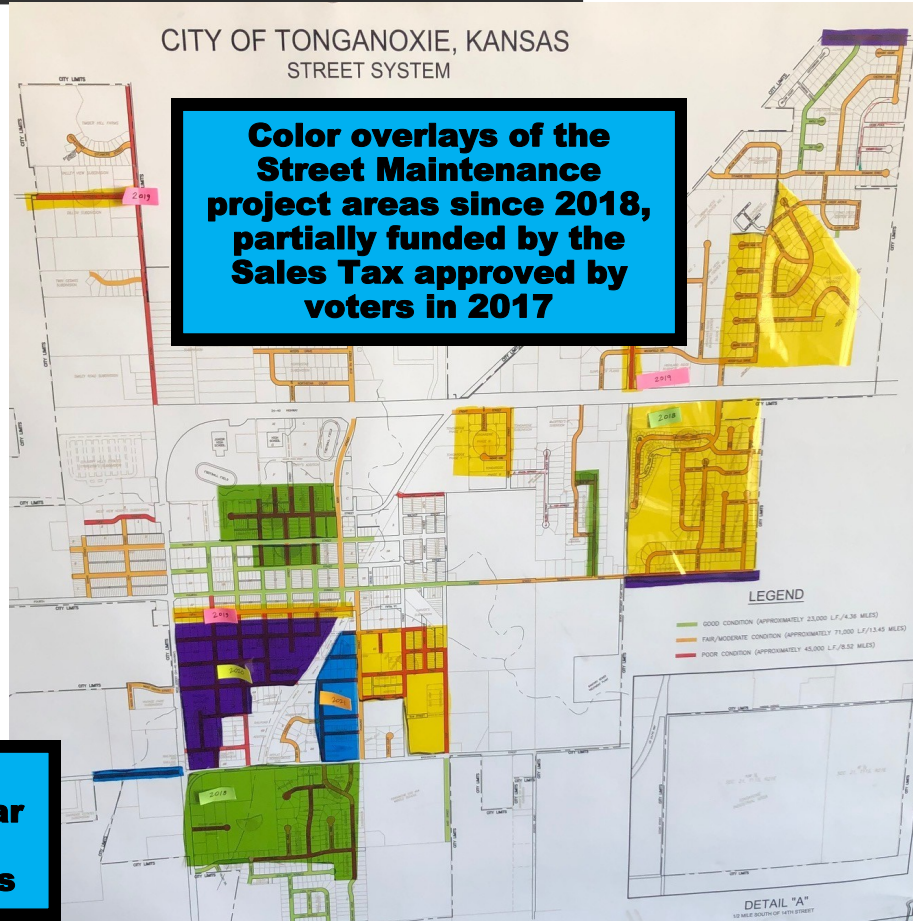
Public Works Initiatives

Our Public Works department covers city infrastructure needs including streets, water and sewer lines, maintaining a Wastewater Treatment facility, and all points in between. FY 2020, there were several infrastructure projects tackled and include:

- Asphalt overlays totaling 2.47 miles of street
- Curb replacement along Myers Dr
- Ann St roadway stabilization



Purchased a new Street Sweeper, replacing a 21 year old vehicle, which aids in preserving street conditions



Before



After

Ann Street Creek stabilization

The City maintains a system of storm and surface water management infrastructure. The City's Storm Water Utility fee, created in 2018, helps to maintain and improve those systems. One such effort was completed in 2020, and is highlighted on the left. The Ann St creek stabilization project protects the street, utilities and private property from rapid deterioration from storm water run off.

Follow City meetings on the City's YouTube page

As part of the City's CARES Act Plan, the former library building, at 303 Bury St, was repurposed for use as City Council Chambers and equipped with recording and broadcasting technology, so that City Council meetings can be viewed on the City's YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.



Fire Department Initiatives

The fire department is committed to making Tonganoxie as safe as possible for its business owners and their customers. The department will begin its annual inspection cycle for all registered businesses in the city. Inspections, which are scored during the city’s ISO review, allow the department to maintain its current ISO Rating of 3, with the long-term goal of lowering it even more, thus saving everyone in the community money. The ISO Rating is used calculate how well-equipped fire departments are able to respond to emergencies within our community. The department has 4 certified inspectors which should help accommodate business owner’s busy schedules.

The City of Tonganoxie’s Fire Department is participating in Driver Operator and Technical Rescue training for firefighters in Leavenworth County. The department is providing up to 5 instructors at any given time. This an effort to help facilitate a coordinated cooperative training program within the county to assist individuals who may not be able to attend traditional college classes.

Your fire department continues to aggressively research and apply for grants to assist the community and the department. In 2020 we have received over \$40,000.00 in grants from various sources. We encourage everyone to stop in and see how we are working to keep our firefighters and community safer and maintaining a positive budget balance each year.

FY 2020, TFD responded to 934 calls for service.

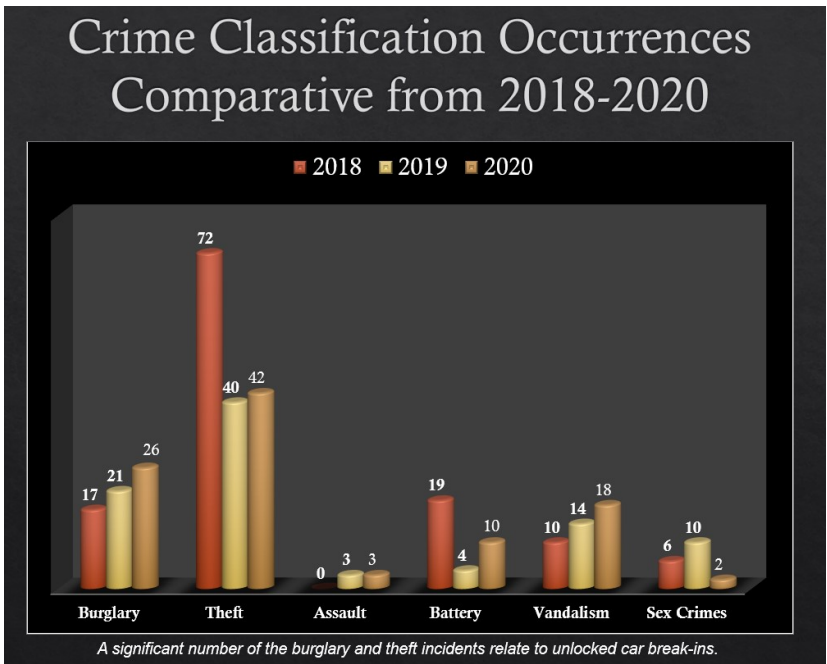
The Fire Department was able to secure a Leighty Grant for the purchase of a Connex Box which will be used as a Search and Rescue Prop for training purposes. Other materials for interior obstacles were also locally sourced.



Police Department Initiatives

The Tonganoxie Police Department (TPD) has a strong commitment to the Community Oriented Policing philosophy. Community outreach was difficult during the impact of COVID 19, but the department improvised to continue providing the best level of service possible. TPD continues to pursue training opportunities, and we were proud to invite surrounding agencies to our community for Implicit Bias and De-Escalation training.

For law enforcement officers, wireless connectivity is a life-line, as they rely on fast and always-on access to critical applications and data, even from their vehicles. As such, TPD was pleased to apply for and receive a Leighty Grant, which was used to purchase Cradlepoint Mobile routers for TPD vehicles, which allow for mobile internet connection.



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We encourage all of our citizens to connect with us so that you can stay on top of what's happening in your community.



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Use the City's webpage to find information on upcoming meetings and agenda packets for items that will be discussed. FY 2021, we've budgeted for an update to the webpage, so watch for changes!

The City's Facebook is used to provide quick and timely updates on City projects and other information. Many City departments also maintain their own Facebook pages.

The City's YouTube channel allows subscribers to watch livestream City Council meetings, or view uploaded meetings afterwards.