



## Points of Interest:

- Three new City Council members: Terms start in 2018
- Traffic Safety Gold Award from AAA for the Police Department
- Updated department statistics

- New Public Library Plans
- Tonganoxie Civic Academy (TCA)

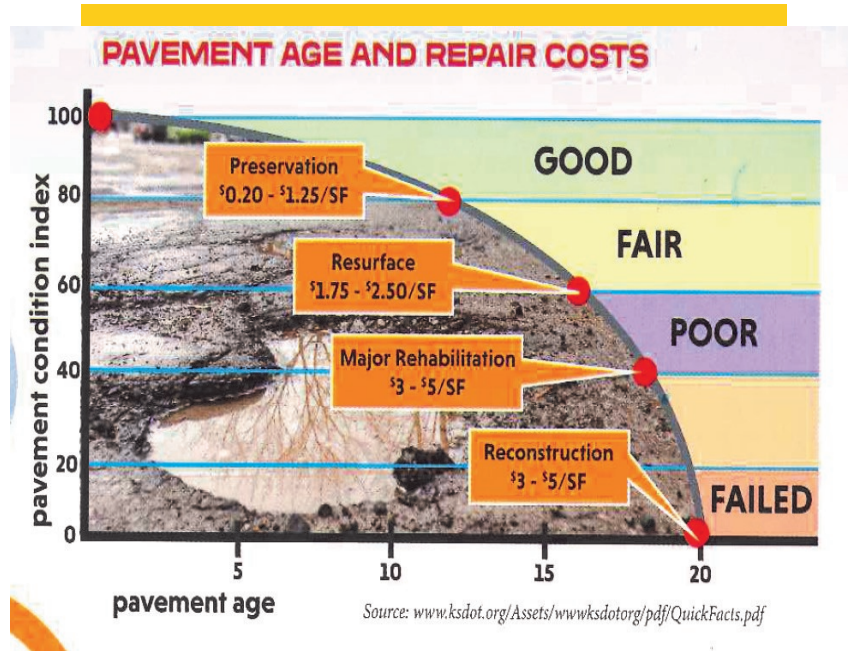


*The Community Update:* An Insight into City Hall and City Operations **January 2018**

# Sales Tax Initiatives Underway:

The 2017 ballot question highlighted a \$0.75 sales tax going toward the construction of new capital improvements, maintaining new and current infrastructure, funding debt issued for capital improvements, and the construction of a new or expanded library. The tax would be in addition to a one percent citywide retailers' sales tax, already levied within the city.

The City's revenue from the 20-year sales tax creates an approximate \$400k annually. The 2018 Budget was developed to include debt financing for a new library and to bolster the Street Maintenance Program.



Approximately \$150,000 of the Sales Tax Revenue directed to Street Maintenance FY 2018



## Estimated Debt Service Payment for Library: Assumes \$2.67% Interest Rate and 20 Year Term

Budget	Approximate Annual Debt Service	Total Principal and Interest Paid	Total Paid as % of Project Total Sales Tax Revenue
\$3.75 M	\$250,000	\$5,057,894	63%

*"I can assure you, public service is a stimulating, proud, and lively enterprise. It is not just a way of life, it is a way to live fully." -Lee H. Hamilton*

## Program Lesson Plan:

### Session 1:

Introduction of Class and  
Tour/Meet City Council, Mayor,  
City Management, Planning  
Commission, and City Attorney

### Session 2:

Public Works and Water Park

### Session 3:

Police Department Tour

### Session 4:

Fire and EMS Department Tour

### Session 5:

Graduation Ceremony

**Join Today!**



## Civic Academy

### What's Included

- 5 program sessions
- Meet once a month
- Class size of 12
- Ages 18 and older
- Must be a current Tonganoxie resident
- Dinner provided each session
- 2 to 3 hour sessions

### Goals

- Enhance citizen knowledge of city operations and services
- Encourage a unified community identity
- Increase participation in city events and meetings
- Tour key government functions
- Create a lifelong network of civic engagement

## Apply Today

Application deadline by February 9th, 2018.

[Tonganoxie.org](http://Tonganoxie.org) > Government > Tonganoxie Civic Academy



The City of Tonganoxie, KS Government page



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## Public Works PSA:

### Tips For Cold Weather:

- Make sure the water meter lid is secure and does not have any voids that could let cold air in and freeze the meter.
- Let water drip from a faucet if the home you live in has issues with water pipes freezing.
- Insulate exposed water pipes in basements and crawl spaces that are not heated.

### Tips for Snow and Ice Events:

- Move cars off streets if possible. This will give the plow trucks room to operate and they will be able to clear the parking along the streets.
- Don't tailgate or pull out in front of a plow truck. Plow trucks lose the ability to steer and brake efficiently in slick conditions just like passenger vehicles.
- Clear your sidewalks within 24 hours after snow event. This will allow safe pedestrian traffic across your property.



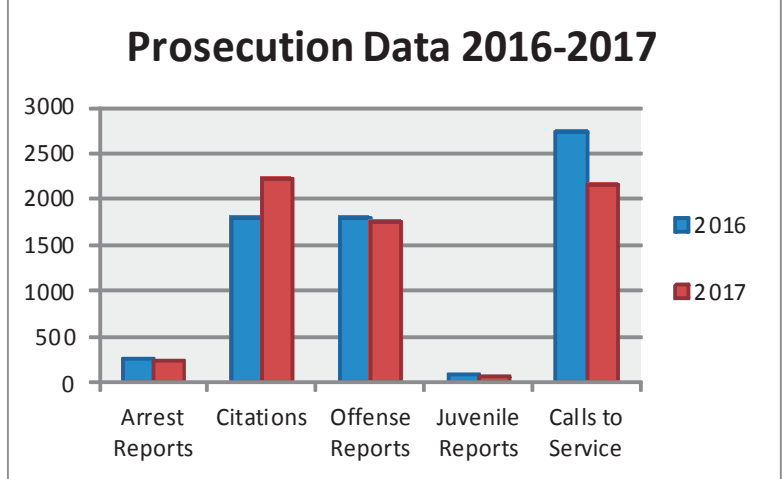


# Public Safety Updates

## Police Department



The Tonganoxie Police Department has recently received a **Gold Award Rating** through AAA. The AAA **Community Traffic Safety Award** honors police and sheriff departments around the state for their commitment to traffic safety practices and programs.



Animal Calls: 53%  
Theft: 43%

Assault: 50%  
DUIs: 36%  
Drug Calls: 28%



## Fire Department

The Tonganoxie Fire Department finished 2017 with a total of **663** calls. Of these calls **2/3** of them were medical related, making the other **1/3** fires. The fire calls were a combination of brush, grass and structure fires. Additionally, **21** of the fire calls we provided assistance to neighboring departments, and we requested their help for **9** of our calls. From 2016-2017 we saw a decrease in calls. The Fire Department teaches fire and life safety to our schools and community. We also provide free smoke and CO detectors to the public throughout the year. Seeing fewer calls means a community becoming safer.

While running calls, we may encounter other calls coming in at the same time, this happened during **43** calls last year. When this happens, it is because there only **2** full-time firefighter/EMTs on duty daily, as we rely on our volunteer staff to help



Last, but not least:  
Welcome our new Fire Chief,  
**John Zimbelman** to our team!

Incident Count		
Incident Type	2016	2017
EMS	482	457
Fire	224	205
Total	706	662

Mutual Aid		
Aid Type	2016	2017
Aid Given	18	21
Aid Received	2	9
Total	20	30

Overlapping Calls		
	2016	2017
Overlapping Calls	70	43

## The Faces of the 2018 City Council



Mayor Ward  
Term expires January 2020\*  
[jward@tonganoxie.org](mailto:jward@tonganoxie.org)



Rocky Himpel  
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Loralee Stevens  
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\* Terms officially expire on the second Monday in January

## Business Park Updates:

The City purchased the 240 acre site in 2009, and rezoned it as Business Park in 2010. In May 2017, Leavenworth County granted the City \$5M to develop 140 acres of the property into a 6 lot Business Park. The Mass Grading phase moved over 450,000 cubic yards of dirt, and public infrastructure is underway. The sale of Lot 5 to Unilock was approved on December 4, 2017; the 2-phased Unilock project represents a minimal investment of \$18.9M and creates 17 jobs, with a base hourly wage of \$22.23.



**Lot 5**

↑  
**222nd St**

## Housing Activity:

Three-Year Trends of Housing Starts in Tonganoxie

Year	Single Family Building Permits*	Metro Area Market Share: LVCo**
2015	21	4.29%
2016	40	3.72%
2017	47	3.61%

\* Source: Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City

\*\* Source : Market Graphics Research Group, Inc; KC metro KS & Mo, 9 Counties

