

# The Community Update: Insights into City Operations - Spring 2018

## Points of Interest:

- A new City Council member: Term starts Spring 2018
- Taxpayer Information
- Water Park Opening
- Public Safety Updates
- Calendar of Upcoming Community Events



## How Your County Appraisal = Real Estate Taxes

Each Spring, Notices of Appraised Value are mailed to Real Estate property owners. These values are calculated 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 property taxes paid to multiple taxing jurisdictions. The 4-Step process highlighted below illustrates the formula that turns Real Estate property values into tax revenue through a number of taxing agencies. For the City of Tonganoxie, the total 2018 Mill Levy (tax rate) is 150.145, and below is a representation of the respective taxes collected for the City, County, School District, Library, Recreation Commission, and State.

**Step 1: Appraised Value:** The County Appraiser uses data to determine the appraised, or fair market value of property.

**Step 2: Assessed Value:** Depending on the classification of property, an assessment rate is multiplied by the Appraised Value of a property

- Commercial - 25%
- Vacant Land - 12%
- Residential - 11.5%

**Step 3: Mill Levy:** A mill is a monetary unit equal to 1/1000 of a U.S. dollar, and the mill levy (tax rates) are computed for each taxing authority. For the City of Tonganoxie, the 2018 Mill Levy is:

- City: 45.326 (includes 7.891 for the Library and 37.435 for the City)
- County: 37.363
- USD 464: 65.956 (includes 5.5 for the Recreation Commission and 60.456 for the School District)
- State: 1.50
- Total Levy: 150.145

**Step 4: Annual taxes = Apply the Mill Rate to the Assessed Value**

- Calculation: (Assessed Value/1000) x Total Mill Levy Rate

### Example:

**Step 1:** A single family home in Tonganoxie with an Appraised Value of \$200,000

**Step 2:** Assessed Value -  
 $\$200,000 \times 11.5\% =$   
 $\$23,000$

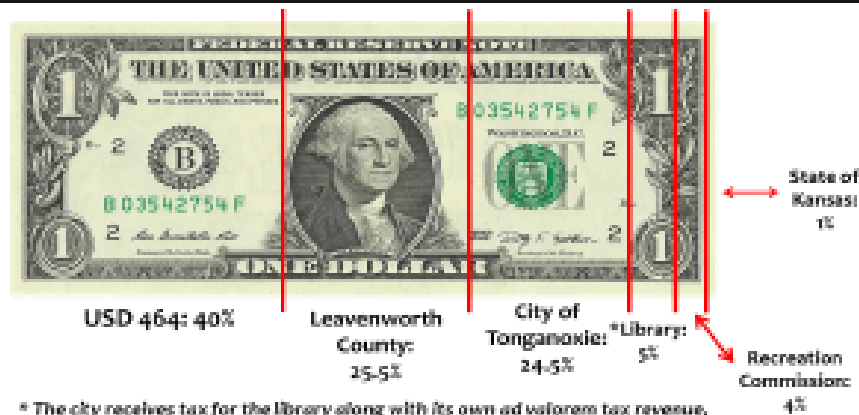
**Step 3:** Mill Levy = 150.145  
(Total Levy)

**Step 4:** Annual taxes calculation:  
 $(23,000/1,000) \times$   
 $150.145 = \$3,453.34$  or  
 $\$861$  (City's share)

**FYI:** Median Home Value in Tonganoxie: \$185,679\*

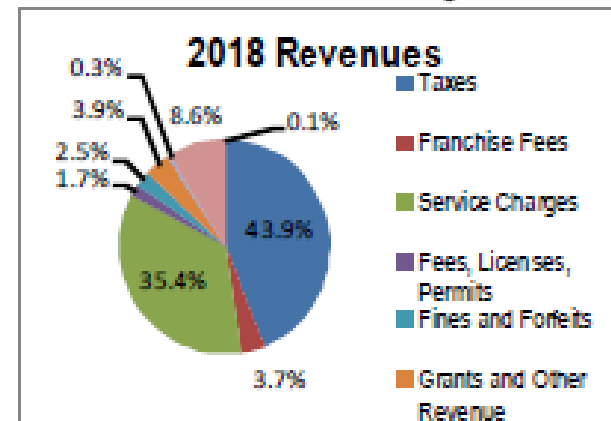
\*Source: Zillow, March 2018

# Your Tax \$\$\$ and Other Tax Revenues



\* The city receives tax for the library along with its own ad valorem tax revenue, and then remits the library's portion to them via check.

The graphic below illustrates the multiple revenue sources for the City of Tonganoxie's FY 2018 Budget. Please note that taxes (including property, sales and use, and fuel) account for the largest share of available revenue.



The graphic above outlines the impact of \$1 paid in Real Estate Property Tax in the City Of Tonganoxie. The Library share is collected thru the City mill, and the Recreation Commission is collected through the School District mill.

## Public Works & Water Park

- The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which can be called an annual water quality report or a drinking water quality report, provides information on Tonganoxie's drinking water quality and the 2018 report is available on the City's website. **SPOILER: NO violations of drinking water regulations!**
- Street maintenance projects will begin soon—please remember to obey construction warning signs, slow down, and be patient during the maintenance process.

The Water Park will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend and is set to close on Labor Day.

### General Schedule

Monday-Saturday 10 am. - 10 pm.

Sunday 12 pm. - 9 pm.

### Daily Admission

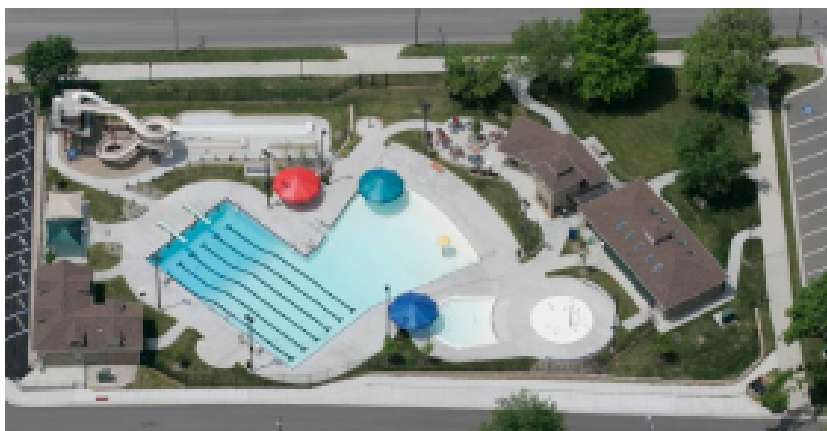
	Resident	Non-Resident
Infant 0-23 months	\$0	\$0
Child 2-12 years	\$3	\$4
Adult 13-59 years	\$4	\$5
Senior 60+	\$3	\$4
Non-swimmer	\$2	\$2

### Season Pass

Child	\$55	\$70
Adult	\$80	\$95
Senior	\$55	\$70
Family (Max of 5)	\$140	\$160
Additional Family	\$25	\$35

### Punch Pass

	Child & Senior	Adult
10 Swim	\$26.25	\$35
20 Swim	\$51	\$68

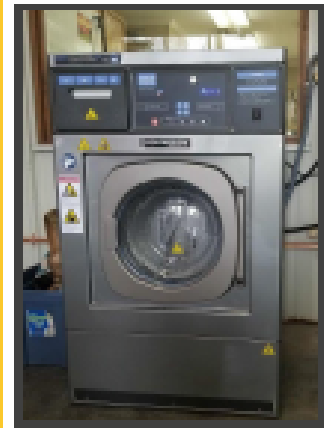
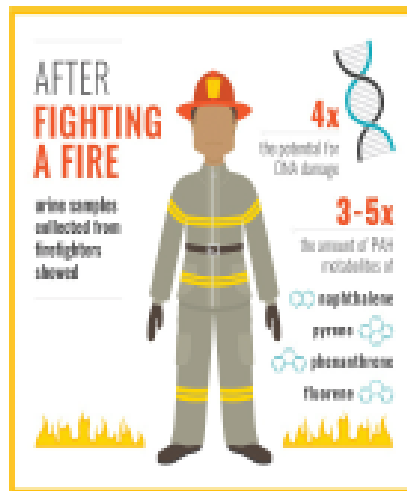
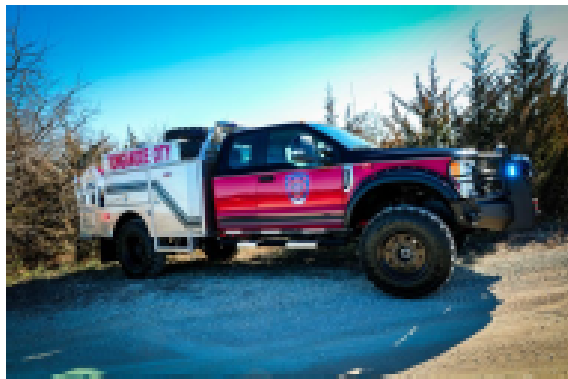


# Public Safety Updates



## Fire Department

The Tonganoxie Fire Department (TFD) recently received its new 2017 Ford F-550 Quick Response Vehicle. This unique apparatus is designed to allow multiple types of responses while allowing firefighters the capabilities of larger apparatus, yet with less fuel consumption and wear on its aging fleet. The department welcomes citizens to stop by and view this valuable lifesaving piece of equipment.



Above is a picture of the extractor that was received by the TFD through a grant from the State of Kansas Fire Marshal's Office. This piece of equipment is part of the ongoing effort to reduce exposure to carcinogens, which data has shown to cause cancer, at a rate that exceeds any other profession in today's modern workforce. We would like to thank public works in installing the plumbing for this piece of equipment. We are thrilled to enhance the safety of our employees!

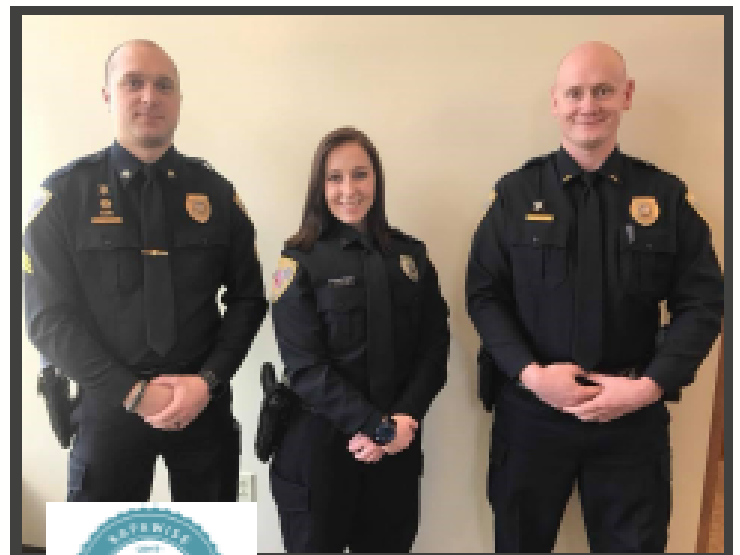


## Police Department

Recently, the Tonganoxie Police Department welcomed Officer Leslie Clark back to work after she completed 14 weeks of training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center located in Hutchinson, KS. Leslie is now certified in the State of Kansas to conduct her duties as a Law Enforcement Officer. Officer Clark attended the academy with officers and deputies from all over the State of Kansas.

Additionally, Chief Jeff Brandau has announced his retirement. Chief Brandau respectfully served as Chief and was responsible for many great changes and progressing TPD. Chief Brandau has certainly earned his retirement and will be retiring on June 1st. We wish him the best of luck.

There is an active Police Chief recruitment underway, and more information is available on the City's website.



## In Tonganoxie:

- Crime Index is 50% lower than Kansas average
- Violent Crime is 80% lower than Kansas average
- Property Crime is 47% lower than Kansas average

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City Hall Hours: 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

## Faces of the 2018 City Council



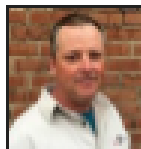
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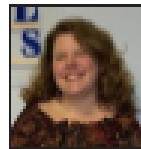
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\* Terms expire on the second Monday in January

## CITY OF TONGANOXIE PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET CALENDAR

### JANUARY – MAY

Ongoing development of budget assumptions & inputs

May 21 Capital Maintenance & Improvement Plan City Council Workshop

### JUNE

June 4 Staff Presentation of City Manager's Proposed Budget

June 15 County Clerk delivers estimated assessed valuations

June 18 Proposed Strategic Budget Adjustments Presentation

Public Input Opportunity at City Council meeting

### JULY

July 2 City Council Budget Workshop

July 16 City Council Budget Workshop (if necessary)

July 25 Publication of Notice of Budget Public Hearing

### AUGUST

August 6 Budget Public Hearing

2019 Budget Adoption

August 25 Deadline to submit State Budget Forms to County Clerk



## Upcoming Community Events

- May 26 — Tonganoxie Water Park Opening Day
- June 9 — Tonganoxie Days - 11am –11pm, Street Closures, Live Music, Food and Craft vendors, kids rides and inflatables
- Labor Day Weekend — Sunflower Stroll
- September 22 — Hazardous Waste Event at the Tonganoxie Fire Station