

Community Report

The one cent sales tax was passed by the City Of Wynne voters and became effective on Oct. 1, 2011. This tax has allowed the City to make significant improvements that has positively impacted our community. Here is a current breakdown of how the money is invested among the participating programs.

50%-Economic Development

37.5%-Parks and Recreation

12.5%-Streets and Drainage

Total Collected since October 1, 2011 is as follows:

October-December 2011- \$95, 230

2012- \$1,388,750

2013- \$1,403,420

2014- \$1,479,725

Here is a synopsis of Parks and Recreation/ Public works projects that have been successfully completed between 2011-2014.

2011

John Hayden Park Fitness Trail **complete*

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$8,860.00

Grant Dollars = \$70,000.00 (Trails for Life – Arkansas State Parks)

Total Project = \$78,860.00

One-fourth mile fitness trail connecting Cross Ridge Hospital with the John Hayden Park and Senior Citizens Center including a stream crossing and benches. The walk is accessible per American Disabilities Act.

Sports Complex Walk Improvements

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$23, 299

Grant Dollars = \$46,071

Total Project = \$69,370

Accessible parking and walk through sports park connecting baseball/softball fields and concession stands

2012

Malone Street and E.U. Deshay Community Park Improvementscomplete***

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$150,000.00

Grant Dollars = \$150,000.00 (Matching Grant Arkansas State Parks and Tourism)

Total Project \$300,000.00

Park improvements including accessible parking, walks, play equipment, pavilions all meeting current health safety and welfare codes.

2013

Sports Complex Lighting Improvementscomplete***

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$750,000.00

Grant Dollars = \$100,000.00

Total Project = \$850,000.00

Sports Field Lighting improvements for all baseball and softball fields (8 total)

John Hayden Park Restroom and Playground Improvementscomplete***

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$5,000.00

Grant Dollars = \$15,000.00 (Wynne Rotary)

Total Project = \$20,000.00

Accessible Restroom Facility, accessible walk to existing pavilion and fall surfacing improvements for all play equipment

Sports Complex Walk Improvements

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$42,387.84

Grant Dollars = \$63,200.00

Total Project = \$105,587.84

Accessible walking trail around the baseball and softball fields

Turning Lane between Intermediate and primary schools

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$120,000

Dedicated turning signal at Jackson St. for Wynne High School

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$35,000

Signage Improvements: City Welcome signs, lighting

City Sales Tax = \$35,000 (Village Creek Addition)

2014*scheduled for 2015 construction

Safe Routes to School

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$50,000.00

Grant Dollars = \$124,000.00

Wynne School District Contribution = \$50,000.00

Total Project = \$224,000.00

**bid November 2014, 1 bid received and over budget will re-bid March 2015*

Sidewalk improvements connecting Primary School to the Junior High School along Lemons Street and Eldridge to Killough. Accessible walks, street trees and bicycle lane markings

Advertisement to promote The Ridges new clubhouse

Sales Tax Dollars = \$25,000

2015

Proposed Re-alignment of Current One Cent Sales Tax

35%- Wynne Economic Development

15%- New Municipal Center for city administration, counsel and Law enforcement

25%- Parks and Receptions

25%- City Street and Sanitation (This will add 2 Full time Law Enforcement and 2 Full time Firefighters)

Cottonwood Park – *Listed as Phase One Improvement, but due to Union Pacific ownership of the land and asking price of \$50,000 funding was transferred to the Front/Merriman empty ¼ block for public park improvements*

'Wynne Public Square'

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$300,000.00

Grant Dollars = \$0 currently, but additional grants will be applied for over course of the year.

Total Project = \$300,000.00

**updated design for the space will be made public in March with construction scheduled for Summer 2015*

Sports Complex Soccer Field Improvements

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$675,000.00

Grant Dollars = \$0 currently, but additional grants will be applied for over course of the year.

Total Project = \$675,000.00

**scheduled for construction summer of 2015 and open for fall 2015 soccer season*

2011-2015

Boys and Girls Club

City Sales Tax Dollars = \$150,000

For general operations and repayment towards mortgage of McCallum Center

Approximate total projects = \$2,447,860.00 (estimated through 2015)*does not include two sports field trail/walk projects from above

(Phase one estimate in 2011 master plan = \$2,625,000.00)

Approximate total grant funding = \$460,000.00 (through 2014)

(phase one estimate in 2011 master plan = \$495,000.00)

Grant Applications scheduled for 2015:

- US Soccer Foundation for approximately \$75,000.00 – (lighting ‘one field’, irrigation and soccer equipment)

- LOI due January 30, 2015
- Wynne Public Square – \$50,000 (State Parks and Tourism- matching grant)
 - Due August 2015
- Safe Routes to School (Phase 2) approximately \$100,000.00– Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (Transportation Alternative Program – TAP)
 - Due April 1, 2015

Preliminary Phase 2 Projects (*only applicable if tax passes for continued 5 years*)

- **Sports Park Improvements**
 - **Parking, accessibility (walks/trails), phase 2 soccer fields, baseball/softball practice fields, concession, restroom, amphitheater and continued general improvements.**
 - **Downtown Revitalization**
 - **Children’s Splash Park**
 - **Merriman/Front Street Improvements**
 - **Safe Routes to School**
 - **Bridges and Lemon’s Street Round-a-bout**
 - **Continued sidewalk, street tree and bicycle lane improvements**
 - **Wynne Greenway pedestrian and bicycle linkage planning for our school district, public buildings, downtown, community park/sports park and neighborhoods**

Non Tax projects, but improvements to the Community (Cross County)

- Birdeye Fun Park – 2014 (\$45,000 grant) Arkansas State Parks
 - Community park in Birdeye
- New Hope School – 2012-2015
 - Cross County Historical Society = \$45,000.00
 - Grants = \$90,000.00 (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program)
 - 1910 one room school house restored per Department of Interior Standards, to be a store for community art and/or

crafts – potential marketing tool for our ‘local products’
located along highway 284 with connection to ASP tourism.

- Phase III completion scheduled for Spring 2015
- Hickory Ridge Fun Park – 2015 (\$45,000 grant) Arkansas State Parks
 - Completion spring 2015
- Wynne School District Fitness Trail - \$175,000.00
 - Blue and You Grant = \$42,000.00
 - Wynne School District and PTA = \$133,000.00
 - Walking Trail with fitness and agility equipment for school kids and public