



City Updates:

2024 proved to be a busy year with increased calls for service and rounds of golf, but staff were able to look ahead and update several pieces of equipment such as new body cameras and mobile radios for the **Police Department** as well as a new set of extrication jaws, wildland gear, and a used brush truck for the **Fire Department**. Our typical **Street** maintenance of crack sealing and slurry sealing were completed as well as the replacement of 5 blocks of 4th Ave. Our **Senior Center** parking lot was repaved and a utility feasibility study was conducted by Schwab-Eaton Engineering to help understand if our **Water and Sewer** utilities could take on additional growth.

Cherry Oaks Golf Course purchased three robotic mowers that will go into service in the spring. They will mow the rough at a 2" height. Each machine will cover 3 acres per day and will each have two zones that they cover. Each zone will be mowed every 48 hours. This will improve turf quality and maintain a clean, precise, finished product.

Sports Complex- 731 S Main- We are excited to announce that the construction of our park shelter is complete. The shelter features six picnic tables and two restrooms that will be open during the day and evening hours. The shelter can be reserved for \$10/hour (min. 2 hours). Contact City Hall or visit our website to fill out the reservation agreement. The city also added two lighted sand volleyball courts to the Complex. We love seeing so many people enjoying the walking trail and basketball/pickleball courts and think these additional amenities will encourage even more people to enjoy our newest park. The park shelter and volleyball courts utilized American Rescue Plan Funds that the City received and the picnic tables were purchased through a Waste Tire Recycling Grant provided by KDHE. The 4th ballfield also received outfield fencing in 2024 and we hope to have dugouts, sunshades and concrete in by the spring.

Swimming Pool- In April 2024, the City Council approved Waters Edge to move forward with Phase I design for a new pool. With this design phase, updated project pricing was presented to the City Council and decisions were made on amenities and layout that would fit within our project budget. In October, the City Council made the decision to move forward with Phase II design, which creates 60% construction documents and gives the city a better idea on a guaranteed maximum price before a final decision to begin construction is made. Pricing is expected to be available in January 2025 and if approved by the Council, construction for the pool will be completed for the 2026 pool season. The plans have been revamped over the past several years for a project that is financially obtainable and will meet the needs for future generations. The pool design locates the pool in the park area west of the current pool location and features a new pool bathhouse. The design also allows for a future splash pad and park shelter to be constructed.

We look forward for what lies ahead in 2025. Please be aware that starting in January 2025, **City Council** meetings will change to the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Meetings are held at City Hall and are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are posted to our website.

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Upcoming Events:
Firehouse Flapjacks
7:30-10:30 am
Jan 11, 18, 25th

Cheney Community-
wide Garage Sales-
May 22nd-24th

City-Wide Clean-up-
May 31st

Sedgwick County
Fair- July 9-12th

Don't forget to
renew your Golf
Cart/UTV Tags for
2025.

ELECTRONIC MINUTES

City Hall staff is excited to announce that Council minutes are now available and searchable on the city’s website dating back to 1891!

When searching through the decades of paper bound council minutes, one would find transitions from calligraphy, to cursive, to the Courier font of a typewriter, and then to Times New Roman font of Word Documents. But the reality is that if the ink starts to fade, the historical discussions could be lost with time.

Amid the pandemic of 2020, the City of Cheney transitioned to paperless council agendas, posting them online, and creating an online document center, where council minutes and other city documents could be uploaded electronically for the public to view. At this time, staff set a goal to digitize all paper council minutes into searchable text and upload them into the new online document center. This would allow decades of text to be searched by keywords, saving staff research time when looking for key events within Council minutes.

The project began in October 2020 as electronic word documents that were already available on the computer from the current timeframe back to 1997 could easily be uploaded as PDF files; however, unable to scan handwritten minutes as a searchable text format from 1891-1932, our city clerk found it as a challenge to decipher and re-type the minutes into new word documents.

The first Council minutes where a typewriter was used dates to April 8, 1932 and the original image of the minutes from that date forward can be found on the city’s website. Pages were carefully removed from the books and scanned, saved, and then uploaded. The electronic files do not replace the original books, as the pages were returned to their books and placed back in storage after being scanned.

We are excited to have over 125 years of history in a searchable format that the public can view online. It not only allows staff to easily search topics discussed during council meetings, but shows commitment from our staff to bring historical significance to our community and transparency to our public.

SUPPORT THE POOL!

Please continue supporting the pool fund by donating your aluminum cans. The Aluminum can trailer is now located at the Sports Complex at 731 S Main.

The funds collected from recycling the cans goes straight into an account for new pool updates! In 2024, we collected 5,000 pounds of aluminum! Thank you!!!

Please follow us on Facebook at **City of Cheney** for updated information. If you don’t have Facebook, visit our website at cheneyks.org and you can view our Facebook feed on our website’s homepage. Also follow **Cheney Fire Rescue, Cherry Oaks Golf Course, Cheney Public Library** and **Cheney Police Department** for additional updates from these departments. The City is not affiliated with the Facebook group **Cheney Chat**. It is best to contact the city directly with questions or to report emergencies.

CHENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is currently looking for additional volunteers to serve on the department. No experience needed, must be 18 years of age. Stop by City Hall for an application or visit our website.

Please note that parking along the west side of the fire station is reserved for firefighters. We ask that you acknowledge the signage and please leave those parking spaces open so our volunteers have room to park when responding to fire and medical calls.

We are excited to announce that Cheney Fire was one of 24 departments in Kansas to be awarded funding through the Kansas Volunteer Firefighter Grant Program administered by the Kansas State Fire Marshal. Cheney Fire was awarded five bunker gear sets to be used to fit our newest members.

BRUSH SITE

The brush site is once again locked and can only be accessed by checking out a key from City Hall. It is important to follow the rules of the brush site, to ensure it can remain open. Limbs are accepted at the brush site, but grass clippings, piles of leaves, and building products are not allowed. When taking limbs to the brush site, place them next to the other brush that has not been burned and do NOT place items on the piles of ash or recently burned area.

The brush site is located at 3361 S 359th and is regulated by the State. The site is available for free for those living inside the city and can be used by those living outside the city limits by purchasing an annual brush permit for \$25.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE:

Need assistance paying your gas bill? LIEAP applications are now available at City Hall or online at www.dcf.ks.gov until March 31st. Contact Angie at City Hall for assistance on completing an application.

Applicants must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward the purchase of the primary heating energy.

Income Eligibility Guidelines	
Persons Living At the Address	Max Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,882.50
2	\$2,555.
3	\$3,227.50
4	\$3,900
5	\$4,572.50
6	\$5,245
7	\$5,917.50
8	\$6,590
+ \$672.50 for each additional person	