



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2025

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025



From L to R: Deputy Police Chief Chad Meek, City Engineer Steve Manek, City Manager Elizabeth Gray, City Councilor Chandra Ford, City Councilor Chris Powell, Mayor Amanda Sandoval, City Councilor Brian Magirowsky, City Councilor Kathy Larsen, Police Chief John Reid

June 2025-Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Reconstruction of NW 30th Street

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*An in-depth look
at how your
city works for you*

Every aspect of your municipal government is managed by a department that specializes in that field. Each department reports to the City Manager, who then reports to the Bethany City Council.

- **City Manager's Office**
 - The City Manager is the CEO of the city, who reports to the City Council.
- **Finance**
 - The Finance Department ensures that the city maintains a healthy budget in a transparent fashion.
 - The City Clerk maintains city records.
- **Human Resources**
 - Manages internal policymaking and best practices.
 - Maintains personnel records.
- **Planning & Community Development**
 - Manages zoning, licensing, permitting, inspections, and code enforcement.
 - Special projects such as grant writing, policy research, and smaller divisions such as stormwater and social media.



- **Public Works**
 - Oversees the maintenance of streets, parks, utility lines, and waste management.
 - The Public Works Department is often the most visible part of city government.
 - Manages the Public Utilities Division which includes the Water Treatment Plant and Utility Line Divisions
- **Municipal Court**
 - Manages all court activity, tickets, and fines.
- **Police & Fire Departments**
 - Our first responders who protect and serve our community.

The goal of every department is to provide an exceptional level of service, thus making the lives of everyone in Bethany all the better. This magazine is but a mere glimpse into the organization of skilled individuals who run and maintain the City of Bethany every day.

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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

*Office of the
City Manager*

CITY MANAGER: ELIZABETH GRAY

Dear City of Bethany Citizens and Stakeholders,

As we mark our 116th year, Bethany stands at a historic intersection of heritage and progress. We are currently preparing for two monumental milestones: the Centennial of Route 66 and our nation's 250th birthday. This past year has been defined by a commitment to ensuring Bethany remains a vibrant, modern place to live, work, and celebrate.

Financial Stewardship & Strategic Growth

Our progress is fueled by aggressive grant acquisition and the continued trust of our residents via the 2022 GO Bond. Over the past five years, we have secured **\$22 million** in approved and upcoming grant funding, allowing us to successfully complete **\$15 million** in vital capital projects.

Modernizing Our Infrastructure

We are proactively upgrading the backbone of our city. The City of Bethany has completed the NW 34th water line replacement and critical sewer lift stations at Divis and 31st and Peniel. Looking ahead, major water plant upgrades and new lift stations at 50th and McMillan, 25th and Peniel, and 25th and Shannon are being funded to ensure long-term reliability.

Our streets and safety initiatives also saw significant milestones, including the repaving of 30th, Peniel, and Rockwell, and the completion of major pedestrian crossings at NW 36th and NW 23rd. In partnership with SNU, Bethany Public Schools, Putnam City Schools, and ODOT, we continue to expand our sidewalk connectivity, specifically along Mueller, 36th, and 23rd Streets.

Enhancing Quality of Life

A city is more than its pipes and pavement; it is defined by the experiences of its people. Recent improvements include the Ron Clark Bark Park, new pickleball courts at Ripper Park, and the restroom facilities by the all-abilities playground at Mendenall Park to ensure our amenities are inclusive. We are also looking forward to the upcoming Veterans monument, compliments of the Bethany Improvement Foundation, and new playground structures at Garrison, Macrory, and Ripper parks.

The Mother Road & Community Spirit

Bethany is leading the way for the Route 66 Centennial in 2026. Residents recently received new wayfinding and monument signage, and will soon see a new 8-foot, free standing shield, as well as pavement shields that celebrate the "Mother Road." These visual enhancements set the stage for signature events, from the Memorial Day Car Show, to the "Bethany Boom" July 4th celebration, to the always spectacular Bethany Hometown Christmas Festival.

Our doors remain open through City Council Meetings, committees, Bethany Youth Council, Town Hall meetings, and our Budget Fair. We are building this future together.

Sincerely, *Elizabeth A. Gray*

City Manager

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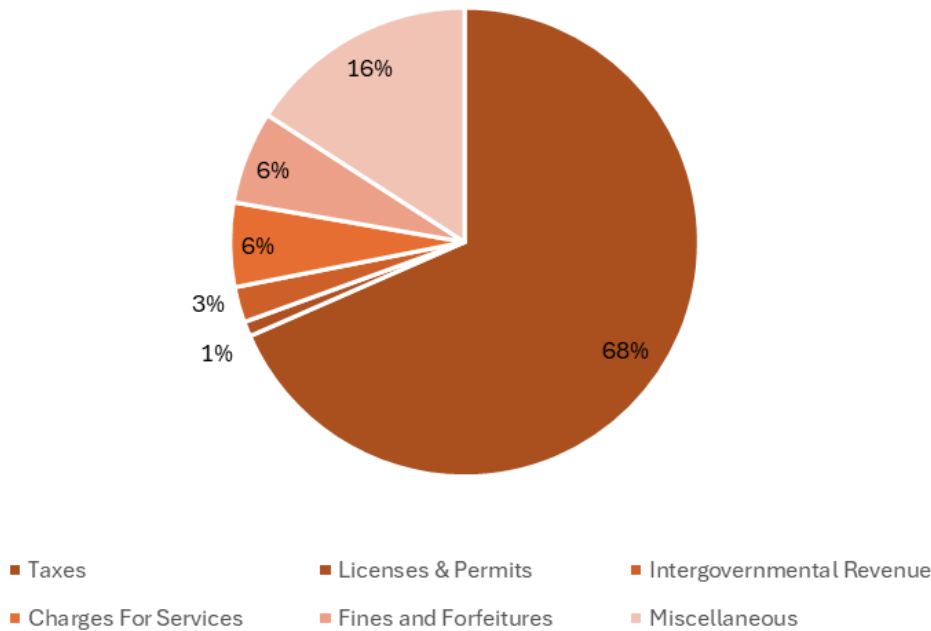
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Finance Department

DIRECTOR: MICHAEL VAUGHN

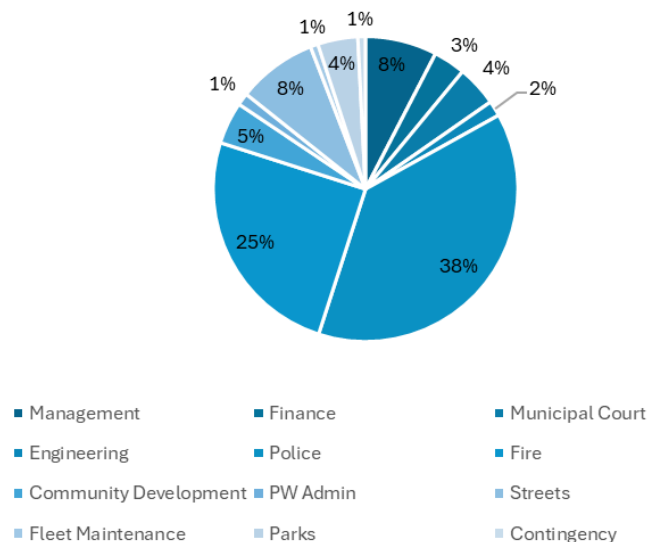
City of Bethany General Fund FY 25 Revenue



The Finance Department oversees all financial transactions and record-keeping for the City of Bethany and its associated trusts. This includes purchasing, accounts payable, utility billing, payroll, and accounts receivable. Finance Department personnel also play a major role in preparing the annual budget.

Fiscal Year 2025 showed Sales and Use Tax relatively unchanged from FY 24, reflecting the local economy levelling off. The City applied for, and received, additional grants for improvement projects. Many of the General Obligation Bond projects funded during the Fiscal Year were completed or are nearing completion.

City of Bethany General Fund FY 25 Expenses

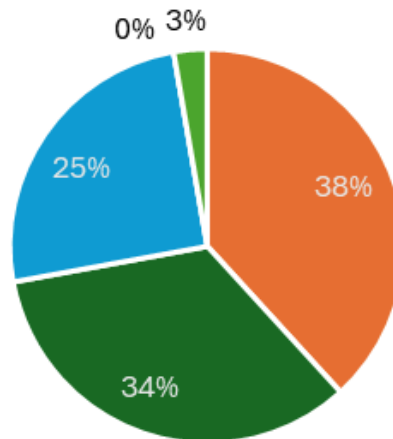


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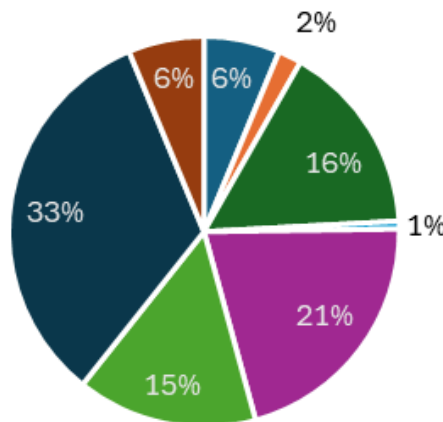
DIRECTOR: MICHAEL VAUGHN

Bethany Public Works Authority FY 25 Revenue



- Revenues
- Water Revenue
- Sewer Revenue
- Sanitation Revenue
- Grant Revenue
- Miscellaneous Revenue

Bethany Public Works Authority FY 25 Expenses



- Finance
- Admin
- Sanitation
- Fleet Maintenance
- Water Plant
- Water Line
- Sewer Line
- Debt Service

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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS *Department of Human Resources*

DIRECTOR: LEASA FURR

Fiscal year 2024-2025 involved significant progress for the City of Bethany, both internally and externally. The Department of Human Resources (HR) supports the City of Bethany in attracting and retaining a qualified and capable workforce that provides high quality services to the citizens of Bethany.

The Human Resources Department is dedicated to making the City of Bethany a rewarding place to work. Employees are a key partner in our mission to serve our community with excellence.



By the numbers:

- **3** Retirements
- **105** Employee Evaluations Completed
- Flu Shot Clinic Hosted
- Benefits Enhanced
- Handbook and Pay Plan Review



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Planning & Community Development

DIRECTOR: BRETT CRECELIUS

Fiscal year 2024-2025 was an amazing year for Community Development! With the help of community partners and residents, we saw an incredible valuation of nearly \$7.1 million invested in our community. Over \$2.7 million of this investment comes to our community in the form of new or renovated residential dwellings. Sixty-eight (68) new commercial buildings or commercial remodel projects were completed during the fiscal year

Code enforcement helped drive the residential investment in our community by actively working with homeowners on code violations. By working with homeowners directly and increasing volunteer participation, they have reduced the amount of abatement cases from the fiscal year by nearly half. This saves the city money on the performance of abatement while simultaneously helping to secure funding for the worst of the worst abatements in the community. Shown by the numbers on the bottom right, code enforcement had a 98% case closure rate in FY 2024-2025.



By the numbers:

- **2,424** Code Violations Identified
- **2,341** Code Cases Closed
- **215** Incidents from Report-A-Concern
- **35** Abatements Completed
- **267** Building Permits Issued
- **70** Contractor Licenses Issued
- **107** New Business Licenses Issued
- **26** Planning Cases Heard
- **9** Board of Adjustment Cases Heard
- **19** Permitted Special Events

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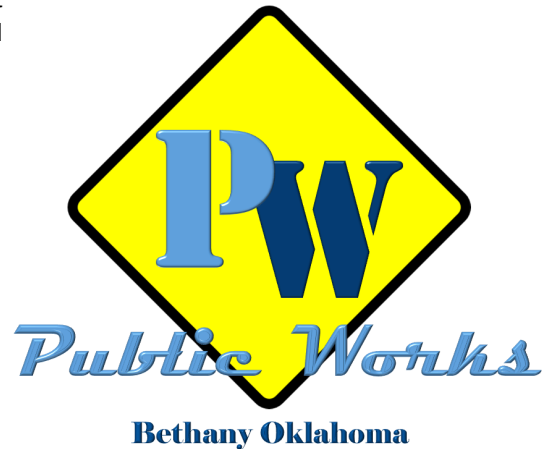
Public Works

DIRECTOR: PHIL STOWELL

The Department of Public Works encompasses eight departments (divisions) that provide infrastructure and quality of life services for the citizens of Bethany.

Divisions:

- Public Works Administration
- Fleet Maintenance
- Sanitation
- Street
- Park
- Water Treatment
- Water Distribution
- Waste Water Distribution



Public Works currently is budgeted with 45 full time positions. Public Works Administration is responsible for the work, information flow, and oversight of all Divisions in the Public Works hierarchy. Administrative duties include fielding calls from citizens, service order generation, maintaining division and department workflows, establishing policies and procedures, project and personnel management. Public Works Administration has three employee positions.

The Sanitation Division provides trash pick up services for the city. These services include regular weekly pick up, scheduled pick up of large items and debris, **two** Bulk Trash pickup events, **two** Free Landfill Days a year, and Customer Convenience Roll-Offs located at the Public Works yard. The Sanitation Division has 13 employee positions. During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, sanitation services removed a total of **14,929 tons** of trash and debris from Bethany which included 1,156 completed service orders and **429 bulk pickups**.



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Public Works

DIRECTOR: PHIL STOWELL



Fleet Maintenance keeps city vehicles and equipment running. Seventy-four vehicles and over 30 pieces of equipment are maintained by Fleet. This division has two employee positions. During FY 2024-2025, Fleet Maintenance completed **295** service orders.

The City of Bethany Street Division provides street, curb and sidewalk repairs, storm water system maintenance, street surface painting and striping, street and regulatory sign maintenance as well as street right-of-way and easement mowing. The Street Division has seven employee positions. During FY 2025, Street services put down **261 tons** of asphalt, **119 cubic yards** of concrete, **15.52 tons** of cold patch, **2.5 miles** of driving surface restriping, and **12** intersections (crosswalks) restriped. The division regularly mowed **3.5 miles** of right-of-way and easements, completed **150** service orders, and replaced **40** street and traffic signs.

The Parks Division encompasses **12** city parks, totaling over **106 acres**. Park personnel provided landscape and hardscape maintenance for the city parks; including the Bethany Cemetery, city facilities, and the center medians along 39th Expressway. They also maintained the municipal pool, accomplished Bulk Trash pickup, and completed **60** service orders. The Parks Division has a total of six employees.

Bethany's Water Treatment Plant creates quality water for citizens and monitors the city's water supply through stringent daily, monthly, and annual testing procedures. The Water Treatment Plant is a 24-hour, 365 day a year operation and has nine employee positions. All personnel are certified through the Department of Environmental Quality. During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the Water Treatment Plant produced an average of **1.76** million gallons of treated water per day. **Nine** daily water quality tests are ran, along with additional **20** monthly tests, **two** quarterly tests, **four** annual tests, **one** biannual, and **one** three-year test. Bethany's water is tested for many things to ensure the safety of our citizens. During fiscal year 2024-2025, a total of **10,320,000** gallons of water was purchased from OKC.

Bethany's Water Distribution and Wastewater Distribution Divisions are collectively referred to as Utility Line Maintenance. Utility Line is responsible for maintenance and repairs to the city's water and sewer systems. The Water Distribution and Wastewater Distribution divisions each have two employees and both Divisions report to the Utility Line Supervisor. All personnel are certified through the Department of Environmental Quality. Duties of Utility Line Maintenance include water and sewer line assessments and repairs, water meter assessments and replacements, sewer lift station maintenance, manhole assessments and repairs, and storm sewer repairs. During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, **608** service orders were completed.



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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS *Municipal Court*

DIRECTOR: STACI PECK

The Bethany Municipal Court provides a vital service for our partners in law enforcement. All Ordinance issues in Bethany are brought before the Municipal Court, including animal control, code enforcement, juvenile affairs, citizen complaints, and traffic violations that are misdemeanor crimes.

With the important function of preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life, and deterring future criminal behavior, the Municipal Court is an essential piece of the Judicial Branch.

Fiscal year 2024-2025 was a busy period for the Bethany Municipal Court. With nearly 4,000 officer citations issued, our team proudly took that challenge head-on and worked to provide exemplary service.

The court has had great success in the clearance of warrants with an increase of the court schedule.



By the numbers:

- **3,970** Officer Citations Issued
- **70** Animal Control Citations Issued
- **48** Code Enforcement Citations Issued
- **218** Citations Issued by SNU
- **58** Arraignment Dockets
- **12** Juvenile Dockets
- **12** Citizen Complaint Dockets
- **24** Disposition Dockets
- **58** Cost Dockets
- **5** Interpreter Dockets
- **1,305** Warrants Issued

Financial Value:

- **\$1,002,925.05** in Warrants Issued
- **\$806,816.19** in Warrants Cleared
- **\$48,591.54** in Warrant Oklahoma Tax Intercept

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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS *Police Department*

POLICE CHIEF: J.D. REID

Welcome to the Bethany Police Department! Our mission is to provide our community with the highest quality law enforcement services, ensuring that every citizen and visitor to our city enjoys a fantastic quality of life. We take pride in consistently delivering professionalism and exceptional customer service. We continuously improve our processes by prioritizing efficiency and employee performance, with a focus on achieving citizen satisfaction. Your dedicated team is committed to serving others and making Bethany an excellent place to live, work, and visit. It is our goal to provide the very best in law enforcement services for our community!



Type of calls for Service	FY2024	FY2025
Traffic stops	7,331	6,800
Arrests Made	515	428
Reports Taken	3,340	2,956
Non-Emergency Calls Received	24,436	26,938
911 Calls Received	17,242	15,229
Citations Issued	4,631	2,256
Warnings issued	1,383	5,396
Accident Non Injury	312	295
Accident Injury	58	77
Accident Fatal	1	0
Domestic Calls	381	303
Mental Health Calls	199	189
Property Crimes	635	721
Violent Crimes	142	144
DUIs	33	65
Total Calls for Service	17,641	16,837

Animal Welfare	2024*	2025*
Animal Welfare Calls	756	801
Animal Intakes	612	503
Animal Adoptions	222	152
Return to Owner	155	97
Transferred to Rescues	63	66

**Animal Welfare statistics are registered in the calendar year.*



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Fire Department

FIRE CHIEF: BRIAN MURRAY

The City of Bethany Fire Department was officially established in 1926. The department started with 16 volunteer firefighters and two hand pulled hose carts. The Bethany Fire Department now consists of 23 total members including 21 suppression personnel and two administration personnel. The Bethany Fire Department currently has a fleet consisting of two engines, one ladder truck, one brush pumper truck, and two command vehicles. Bethany Fire Department has a coverage of approximately five square miles and a population of approximately 21,000.

Every year, Bethany Fire Department responds to more than 3,000 calls for service. The mission of the Bethany Fire Department is to improve every situation we encounter, whether an emergency or non-emergency, while upholding the highest standards of kindness, professionalism, knowledge, and training in service to the citizens of Bethany.



A glimpse at our year:

- **59** Fire Incidents
- **2,155** Rescue & Emergency Medical Services
- **91** Hazardous Condition (no fire)
- **462** Service Calls
- **129** Good Intent Call
- **249** False Alarm & False Call
- **3,000+** Kids Educated in Fire Safety
- **2,000+** Hours of Department Training

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*A look ahead to
FY 2025-2026...*

CITY MANAGER: ELIZABETH GRAY

Through GO Bond funding, partnerships with schools and private entities, and state and federal grant funding, you will soon be enjoying more improvements and detours around construction projects in Bethany throughout Fiscal Year 2026:

Water and sewer projects that are ongoing include:

- Major water plant upgrades. (City, OK Homeland Securities, OWRB)
- Water Booster Pump station at 32nd and Peniel.
- Granular Activated Carbon Filtration Project at the water plant. (City and possible grant funding)
- Water meter replacements. (City funded)
- Sewer line replacement on Mueller Ave., between NW 39th and NW 41st Streets. (City, Bethany First Church)
- Two-inch water line replacement NW 34th Street, between Holloway and Mueller. (CDBG/City)
- New sewer lift station at NW 25th and Shannon. Made possible by a grant through Congresswoman Stephanie Bice's office and city funds.
- Sewer lift station rehabilitation/upgrade at 50th and McMillan. Made possible by a grant through Congresswoman Stephanie Bice's office and city funds.
- Sewer lift station rehabilitation/upgrade at 25th and Peniel with a grant through Congresswoman Stephanie Bice's office and city funds.

Street and sidewalk construction includes:

- Pavement and/or reconstruction of NW 35th Street, between College and Mueller. (2016 GO Bond)
- Pavement and/or reconstruction of Mueller, from NW 35th to the YMCA property line. (2016 GO Bond)
- Sidewalk(s) on College, between NW 35th and NW 34th streets.
- Sidewalk(s), resulting from a 3-way partnership between PC Schools, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and the City of Bethany will be located on 36th street, between Council and Glade, and will connect Eldon Lyon Park to Rockwell.

This is just a glance at what is happening in Bethany. For a more comprehensive look at projects, events, sanitation schedules, and more, please visit our website at www.cityofbethany.org or visit our Facebook page. Important news and information can also be found in our newsletters, on utility bills, and on Cox channel 20.

This is a great time to be in Bethany, Oklahoma!



From L to R: Steve Manek, Tom Lippert, Jeff Knapp, Matt Biswell, Ryan Corn, Chris Powell, Nikki Lloyd, Ethan Channel, Jesse Wilder, Brian Murray, Dyllan Nichols, Clayton Hill, Blake Caldwell, Kathy Larsen

December 2024-Ribbon Cutting for the Expansion of the Bethany Fire Department