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Nevada continues to recover from the April 2nd Destructive Tornado

On April 15th, officials from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) toured the tornado damaged sections of Nevada and Vernon County. The tornado that hit Nevada on April 2nd has been rated as an F-1, while in some parts of Vernon County the tornado was measured as an F-2.

Until late April, City crews continued removing tree limbs placed along the curb by residents. The City received numerous compliments for its efforts. "There is no way we could have tackled that clean-up without the City's help," one resident remarked. On April 25, a Public Assistance specialist from FEMA conducted a follow-up visit to Nevada. See the full story on page two.



Mayor Branham Holds Her 1st Mayor's Coffee

On April 24th, newly selected Mayor, Carol Branham, held her first Mayor's coffee (see pic below), a long-time Nevada tradition. A large group of Nevada citizens attended the event with questions pertaining to city government.

An Integral Part Of The Water Plant Is Now More Efficient

On April 7th, McInroy Contractors LLC (see above pics) performed repair work on the feed line of the degasifier at the water treatment plant. They replaced gaskets, washers, nuts and allthread of the fiberglass spool and most of the other fittings to the elbow. This repair work has increased the degasifiers efficiency from 50% to 77%. The degasifier is 41 years old and needs to be replaced. Plans are underway for a major renovation of the City's water plant.



PA Officials Were In Town In April

On April 25th, Public Assistance specialists from FEMA made a follow-up visit to Nevada to review the tornado damaged parts of town (see pic below). It remains to be seen if Missouri will be declared a disaster area because of the April 2nd storms across the state. If there is a declaration, Nevada and other impacted Missouri cities will be eligible for recovery funding. Consequently, these visits by state and federal officials to review the damage here are very important.



Guenther Elected To City Council

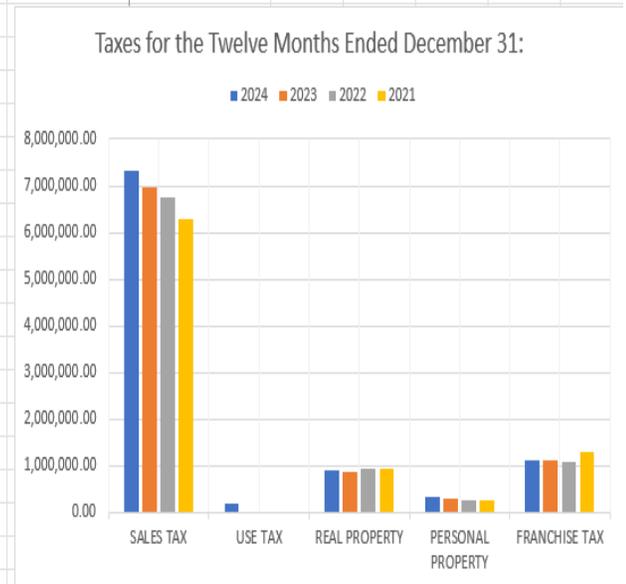
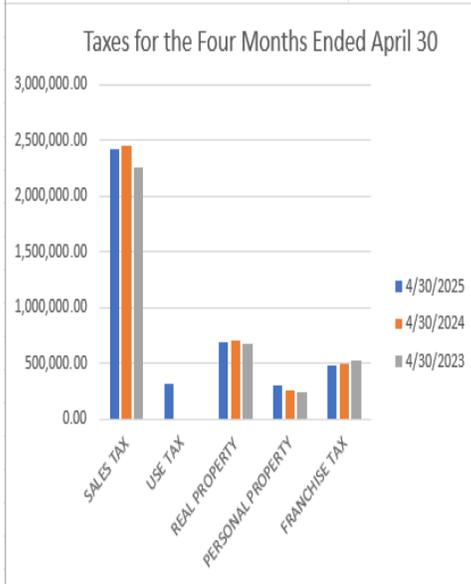
Nevada has a new City Councilman. His name is Luke Guenther. Luke is a local small businessman. On April 8th, he defeated Councilman and former Mayor George Knox. Luke now has one of the five seats on the Nevada City Council. As a new Member, Luke spent a day being briefed by department heads on City issues. See photo below with son Boaz.



Use Tax Update

The chart below shows how the new voter approved Use Tax is coming in. Our estimated Use Tax (the budgeted amount) for all of 2025 is \$374,600. However, the amount collected from January until April alone in 2025 is \$309,353. In other words, we are well ahead of our estimated amount.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES			
TOTAL OF MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (UNAUDITED)			
FOR THE PERIODS ENDING:			
	3/31/2025	3/31/2024	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,909,790.62	\$ 4,132,092.32	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,999,246.97	4,383,770.14	
NET REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$910,543.65	(\$251,677.82)	
TOTAL CASH ON HAND--ALL MAJOR FUNDS	\$6,300,755.34	\$5,793,702.98	



NOTE: YTD Sales Tax above includes Hospital Tax of \$349K for 2025, \$366K for 2024, and \$343K for 2023.

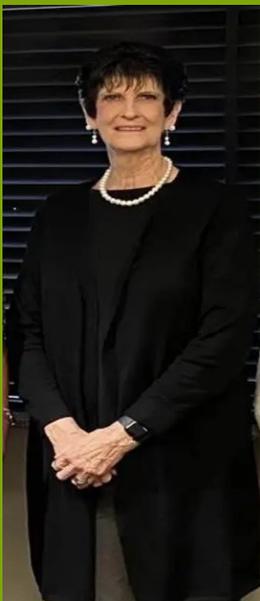
NOTE: Sales Tax above includes Hospital Tax of \$1,078K for 2024, \$1,046K for 2023, and \$1,013K for 2022.

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Carol Branham Selected Mayor

During a special April 14th Council meeting, Councilperson Carol Branham (See pic below) was selected by the Council to be Mayor. Nevada's charter provides for the Mayor to be selected by a vote of the City Council. Carol has long been active in community events.



Hearing on the 118 Walnut Building Held

On April 25th, a long anticipated court hearing on the partially destroyed building on the square was held in Circuit Court. The City had taken steps to demolish the building, located at 118 Walnut, but were stopped when the owner of the building took legal steps to block the demolition. The court said it would make a decision by May 2nd.

A City Council member recently came up with a partial list of good things that have happened in the past few years here in Nevada.

65 GOOD THINGS IN NEVADA

- ✓ New Donut Shop in Old Delway Bldg, refurbished by Kenny Halcomb
- ✓ New Smoke Shop in old Domino's, Adams & Austin
- ✓ New, upgraded Domino's Pizza Shop
- ✓ New Pizza Hut Shop
- ✓ New Guadalajara Restaurant
- ✓ New Child Care Facility at Methodist Church
- ✓ Refurbishing of Earp Park, thanks to Lions Club & Park Board
- ✓ New Park at Old Vieth's/Bluebird site on the Square
- ✓ \$100,000 Grant to restart Main Street program
- ✓ Organization of Main Street Alliance
- ✓ All New Sidewalks on Austin Blvd (State funded)
- ✓ New Sidewalks on Ash Street
- ✓ Completion of a 24-Hour Fitness Center
- ✓ New Sidewalks from Austin to Atlantic (State funded)
- ✓ City took back water service from Alliance, saving approximately \$1 million per year
- ✓ New ownership & upgrade of Kitchen Essentials
- ✓ Refurbishment of the "Old Jail"
- ✓ Restoration of Historic Building for new location of Bowman-Vernon County Title
- ✓ Restoration of Historic Building for new location of McCaffree Real Estate on the Square



- ✓ Recruitment of 2 new attorneys at Vickers Law Firm
- ✓ New Office at Checkett, Pauly & Morgan Law Firm
- ✓ Prospect of New Law Firm in former Russell and Brown Building on Square
- ✓ Completely remodeled office of Specialty Insurance on Austin Blvd
- ✓ Upgraded facade of Bearden Law Firm Bldg
- ✓ Remodeling of underused building to house Lifewalk Church and expanded Precision Coffee
- ✓ New Christmas lights on the Square, thank you to Traci Cliffman and donors
- ✓ Two New Casey's Convenience Stores
- ✓ Major expansions of Cash and Dash Convenience Stores at 1502 W Austin and 2505 E Austin
- ✓ Brand new and enlarged Cash and Dash Convenience Store at 1518 E Austin
- ✓ Purchase of 28 acres by Wilmoth Oil Co. for future construction of a Truck Stop
- ✓ Osage Prairie YMCA paid off all debt
- ✓ Osage Prairie YMCA constructed \$1.5 million Day Care Center, at no cost to community

- ✓ Sales Tax passed to fund new swimming pool
- ✓ New pickle ball and outdoor basketball courts built in Walton Park, thanks to Nevada-Vernon County Community Foundation
- ✓ Formation of Nevada-Vernon County Community Foundation
- ✓ New Freddy's Restaurant, employing 70 people
- ✓ New Taco Bell
- ✓ 18 Housing starts
- ✓ Several new duplexes, built by Jeff Woods
- ✓ New Chadwick's Meat Store
- ✓ Completion of 1st steps towards construction, by the State, of a new connecting street between Highland Street Overpass and Ash Street, opening up new area for commercial development
- ✓ Construction of New Senior Housing Complex south of Walmart
- ✓ Expanded Workforce at Peerless
- ✓ First full-time Economic Developer in 10 years
- ✓ New Greenleaf Dispensary with new tax source
- ✓ Contribution of \$100,000 per yer in city sales tax income to NRMC
- ✓ New expanded DRIPT Medical Spa on E Walnut
- ✓ Purchase of downtown bldg by Miranda & David Selby for expanded New Business



- ✓ New Casa Azteca Restaurant
- ✓ New Self Storage Facility on Osage
- ✓ 54 Cafe added evening hours
- ✓ Received \$250,000 grant from EPA to fund master plan for development of old State Hospital grounds, which has been completed. Waiting on state.
- ✓ Two new 4-plexes at Alma and Division Streets
- ✓ Two new Self Storage Units at Alma and Division Streets
- ✓ New USDA approved Slaughter Plant at Vernon County Meats
- ✓ First Saturday on the Square
- ✓ New Taco Bell
- ✓ New \$20 million Elementary School
- ✓ Remodeled Football Stadium with new press boxes & improved seating
- ✓ Remodeled McDonald's
- ✓ New Scoters Coffee Shop
- ✓ New "The Fix" Coffee Shop on Johnson Drive
- ✓ New Bakery & Window Manufacturer on S Commercial
- ✓ Refurbishing of Historic American Legion Building
- ✓ New Pint Size Ice Cream Shop

