

City of Floresville

May 2024

Office of the City Manager

As City Manager, I wanted to take a moment to inform our community members of some of the major progress we have made to improve our Great City. In just over three years we have been able to Turn the City's Financial position around from a (\$1,212,648) deficit fund balance to a \$3,059,701 positive fund balance positioning our city for success. In addition, we have increased our Credit rating from a BBB- (Negative Outlook) to a BBB (Positive Outlook) with a potential that the rating could be subsequently upgraded within the two-year outlook period if reserves continue to increase, and general fund operations remain balanced.

While improving our financial position, we continued to work on numerous Capital Improvement Projects. We realized that improvements to our city required us to be creative with our funding options. As such, some of our small projects have been the result of partnering with Foundations, Philanthropist, and Subgrants. Sales Tax monies have allowed us to continue our Street Maintenance Plan to improve the thorough fairs within the city limits, acquiring of land by or Economic Development Cooperation to stimulate business activity, and by our 4A Cooperation to improve our recreation availability for our youth. Finally, Grant/Loan availability by State and federal Agencies and Certificate of Obligation monies have funded our bigger projects such as our, manhole replacement initiative, our new Plaza Water Well project, and the renovation of the Historic El Camino Hike & Bike Trail. Below you will find the list of completed and proposed projects and funding for such:

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIPS

- Foundations
- Philanthropist
- Sub-Grants



PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS

- Lodi Park Improvments To date, the park has been equipted with a large shade cover, playground equipment, a food box, improved restrooms, and will soon have a community garden.
- Scott Gleeson Roping Arena With contributions from the Gleeson family the roping arena was reconstructed and plans for future improvments are on the way.
- Camino Real Community Restoration and Recovery Center A partnership between Camino Real and the City of Floresville resulted in a position of Peer Support Specilist to be created. This individual constantly mentors those in need to ensure they are successful in their recovery efforts.









Judith Zaffirini, Texas State Senator OSeptember 22, 2022 · S

THE OPENING OF THE SCOTT GLEESON ROPING ARENA at the Lauro G. De Leon III Floresville Event Center was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting. Its namesake served on the Floresville Economic Development Corp. board, volunteered with the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, was active in 4-H and FFA as a youth, and helped fund arena improvements. City officials, family, and friends joined the festivities. Congratulations!

Texas Sales Tax Rate: Floresville

Eff Date	End Date	Rate	
10/01/2004		0.0200000	
Economic/Industrial Dev Sec	: 4A		0.0025000
Street Maintenance/re	pair		0.0025000
Economic/Industrial Dev Sec	÷4B		0.0050000
Regular F	Rate		0.0100000
10/01/1996	09/30/2004	0.0150000	
Economic/Industrial Dev Sec	2 4B		0.0050000
Regular F	Rate		0.0100000
04/01/1969	09/30/1996	0.0100000	
Regular F	Rate		0.0100000

- Street Maintenance Plan Improvements The Plan continues to be executed and future City Council Workshops will be held to revisit the plan and update according to Engineering recommendations.
- 4A Projects Improvments to the Floresville Event Center and Sports Complex are on going.
- 4B FEDC Projects Purchase of the Old FELPS Building and Maintence Yard continue to be a primarey focus of the FEDC Coorporation. Plans for a multi use venue and business incubator press on.



City Sales Tax Funding Subsidiaries

City council, FEDC to focus efforts on funding FELPS property purchase

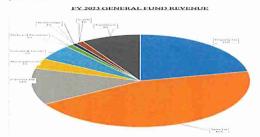
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June 29, 2021

By WCN Staff

Extr. the Fixesville Chy Council and the Fixesville Economic Development Corp. (FEDC) will meet Wednesday, June 50, to consider purchasing properly owned by the Fixesville Electric Light & Pover System (FELFS)

The properly includes 1.53 acres that served as the utility's main location in downtown Floresville and 7.1 acres on U.S. 161 south of the city FELPS completed its move from both.



Floresville 4A Corp. signs funding agreement with city

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July 13, 2021

By Gregory Ripps Wilson County News

(Mideo below) The Protestrie 4A Corp is responsible for the Lauro G. De Leon III Floresville Event Center's maintenance and operation and the bond that pays for the land where the building sits.

The city of Floresville is responsible for the bond that pays for the building.

That's the thrust of a funding agreement that 4A Corp. board members unanimously approved at a special July 9 meeting





Air Grants: Funding for Vehicles, Equipment, and Fuel Infrastructure

They provide grants to replace or upgrade older vehicles and equipment to reduce emissions—from electric cars and charging stations to dump trucks, and from tractors to delivery trucks.

New or upgraded models pollute less than older ones, improving air quality in Texas. Individuals, businesses, and state and local governments may be eligible for these grants under Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) and Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TXVEMP).

TxVEMP



City of Floresville

Off to a Great Start this week!

We added a 2022 Mack Dump Truck to our fleet which was obtained through the TCEQ TVEMP emissions program grant.

The program offers grants for new and upgraded equipment, to reduce pollution and improve the air quality in Texas.



Today we received a 2021 Peterbilt Dump Truck that was part of the TCEQ TVEMP emissions program grant.

Thank you Ricky Carrasco and Floresville Mayor and Council.







Community
Development Block
Grant (CDBG) Program
for Rural Texas

Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. This fund is available through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used. Max Award \$500,000 Manhole Project

Manhole Replacement Project (Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Awarded: 02/01/2021
- City deferred moving on project for Financial Reasons (Not Budgeted)
- Grant Funds \$275,000
- Cash Match \$55,000



Thank you for joining us and for your continued support of The Floresville El Camino Trail $\ensuremath{\%}$

#floresvilleproud



State Funded Projects



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials "break ground" with Floresville officials city employees, and Floresville Economic Development Corp. board members Nov. 16 at the site of the city's Plaza Well. A new well, made possible with a USDA grant, is expected to be completed before the end of the year. According to Floresville Public Works Director Johnny Villarreal, the new well has been drilled to a depth of 1,073 feet and awaits a bigger drill to ream the shaft before a pump is submerged. GREGORY RIPPS/Wilson County News

"There's nothing like touring a town with projects that we've funded."

That's what Lillian Salerno, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural development director for Texas, told the *Wilson County News* Nov. 16 after a visit to Floresville with other USDA officials.

The tour began with a stop at the Plaza Well, behind buildings on the 500 block of 10th Street (U.S. 181), for a groundbreaking ceremony. The groundbreaking was purely symbolic, because the project to complete a new water well near the site of the old one is well underway.

Floresville City Manager Andy Joslin noted before the ceremony that the city was awarded a \$2.465 million grant in 2019 for the new well, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, supply issues, and inflation, the city had to resubmit its bid; USDA ultimately awarded the city \$2.892 million earlier this year.

After the visitors got an up-close look at the results of other USDA funding (see sidebar), they joined city officials, city employees, and other community "stakeholders" at the Lauro G. De Leon III Floresville Event Center.

Charles Stephens, USDA's assistant administrator for rural utilities service in Washington, D.C., said Floresville has done a good job with USDA funding to develop a modern water system.

"It's up to date and will serve citizens a long time," he said. "You are a model for what we'd like to do throughout the country."



Federally Funded Projects

Capital Improvement Plan - FY 2023 to FY 2025

Priority	Project Name	Source of Funding	2023-2025
	General City Pool Renovations	Debt	\$ 250,000.00
	Wastewater Collection Sysem Rehab	Debt	\$ 500,000.00
	Wastewater 97 Lift Station	Debt	\$ 450,000.00
	Wastewater Pajarito Lift Station	Debt	\$ 450,000.00
	Wastewater Sewer to Annexation	Debt	\$ 250,000.00
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	Wastewater SCADA	Debt	\$ 1,300,000.00
	Water Water to Annexation	Debt	\$ 250,000.00
Genera	General Streets	Debt	\$ 4,675,000.00
	General PD Vehicle Radio Equipment	Debt	\$ 75,000.00
	General New Police Department	Debt	\$ 3,000,000.00
	Event Center HVAC & Control System	Debt	\$ 800,000.00
	Event Center Parking Lot	Debt	\$ 500,000.00
Parks	Parks & Rec Sports Complex ADA Repairs	Debt	\$ 1,000,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 14,000,000.00







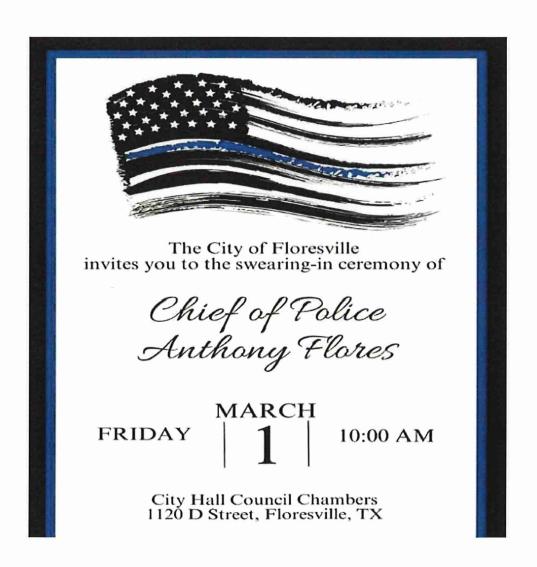
This afternoon the City of Floresville closed on a property purchase, located at 1405 2nd Street, that will be used for a new Police Department. This purchase is part of the City of Floresville Capital Improvement Plan - FY 2023 to 2025.

Thank you to the Floresville City Council, and most importantly the citizens of Floresville, for making this possible and preparing for our future growth.



- City Pool Renovations Approved and will begin after this season.
- Wastewater Collection System Rehab Approved and in progress.
- Wastewater 97 List Station In design phase.
- Wastewater Pajarito Lift Station Approved and in progress.
- Wastewater Sewer to Annexation Approved and in progress.
- Wastewater Annexation Lift station In design phase.
- Wastewater SCADA Approved and in progress.
- Water to Annexation Waiting for additional grant notification.
- General Streets Approved and in progress.
- General PD Vehicle Radio Equipment Waiting for additional grant notification.
- General New Police Department Land acquired and in design phase.
- Event Center HVAC and Control System Completed.
- Event Center Parking Lot Approved and in progress.
- Parks & Rec Sport Complex ADA Repairs Pending approval.

Our quest to provide the best possible service to our citizens requires us to attract and retain the most qualified Team Members possible. As such, a yearly Wage and Benefits Survey is completed by our Human Resources Department with the assistance of Werling Associates, Inc. In addition, training, cross training, and personal enrichment opportunities are offered to our current employees. As a result of these efforts, we have been able to promote a tenured employee to the position of Assistant City Manager and attracted a seasoned Law Enforcement Officer to lead our Police Department. Finally, in conjunction with the FEDC Corporation Board, a new and very experienced FEDC Executive Director was hired to lead Economic Development Efforts.



This all only scratches the surface in describing all the efforts of the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and City Staff. I am so Thankful and Honored to serve as your City Manager and I appreciate all the direction and support from the Mayor and City Council. I am most Thankful for all the hard work and dedication from City Staff. Finally, I would like to Thank our community and citizens for all their support and volunteerism (including those serving on our Boards and Commissions). Our residents truly make Floresville; The Great City of Floresville.

We are on the right track to continue to create an environment where families flourish, and businesses prosper. I look forward to working with you to make this happen.

Respectfully,

Andy Joslin the Proud

City Manager of the Great

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