

The Weekly Activity Report for February 24-28, 2025

The City of Jacksboro was incorporated in 1875. That means this year, 2025, is the 150th Anniversary of our Incorporation. Several residents are already planning on setting up a committee to plan a 150th Anniversary Event. If you have any suggestions for the event, please feel free to contact City Hall. There will be more to come on this anniversary event.

We want to congratulate Chief Jeremy Jennings for competing in the Cowtown 5K race last weekend.

In the last Weekly Activity Report we reported that the booster station on South Main, and the water tower next to the prison were off-line due to the cold weather the previous week. Both of those are back on line and operating normally.

The Distribution and Collection Crew assisted the City of Bryson on a major water leak. This was a multi-day issue for Bryson, however we were able to assist in locating a water main and exposing it in order to allow a contractor with Bryson to install an in-line valve. The Fire Department also assisted Jack County Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Emergency Management in delivering several pallets of bottled water to the City of Bryson.

The Fire Department responded to seven (7) EMS calls, three (3) environmental calls (environmental calls can include powerlines down, gas leaks, or HAZMAT spills), one (1) motor vehicle accident, two (2) fire alarm calls, and two (2) grass fires.

Building Inspections completed 13 inspections this week, in addition to assisting with delivering water to the City of Bryson.

Parks and Recreation repaired restroom facilities at Sewell Park and at the track next to the lake. Additionally, they had mulch delivered and spread it in the playground equipment areas at Sewell Park and next to the baseball fields. They also repaired the sign at the Skate Park and trimmed trees around the lake. The Parks department also cleaned out and trimmed the plants in the triangle next to Family Dollar.

We delivered and picked-up six (6) trash trailers around town. Two employees did their normal "Meals on Wheels" rotation on Wednesday. We continue to reply to multiple Public Information Requests.

The Street Department worked on Oak Creek, Cromeans, West Mesquite and the intersection of N. 9th and Belknap. We spoke with two (2) different asphalt plants in the local area, and believe we have found a company that can provide a quality asphalt product.

We continue to receive calls regarding odor in the water. During the cold weather, our system that injects permanganate into the raw water below the dam experienced some issues of crystallization. We corrected that problem last weekend and have been adjusting the amount of permanganate that we add to the raw water. The permanganate is injected into the raw water to offset any odor issues. The water is perfectly fine to drink, as we test it daily, and we hope to resolve the odor issue soon. It apparently is only present in certain parts of town.

The Police Department issued twenty (20) tickets and made two (2) arrests. They currently have forty (40) open cases under investigation and they responded to forty-five (45) calls for service.

The Water Department responded to thirty-seven (37) calls for service, to include repairs, turning water off/on, utility locates, installing water/sewer taps, and placing or removing trash carts.

The Finance Department continues to work on our annual audit, which is typically completed by May.

We are working with the Friends of the Animal Shelter to assist them with their 4th Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for April 12, 2025. This is one of their biggest fund raisers of the year. Anyone interested in participating, please contact City Hall or a member of the Friends of the Animal Shelter for additional details.

Several employees will be attending the Friends of Fort Richardson annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide highlights of projects that were completed in 2024, and provide details on plans for projects in 2025. In 2024, the City assisted Fort Richardson with installing electricity to the campsites on the north side of the lake in an effort to provide more amenities to campers and visitors to our community.

We conducted "Confined Space Training" with most of the departments. The training is to ensure we have plenty of people trained to assist the Fire Department or Emergency Management in the event of a rescue or recovery of an individual in a confined space. It also provides training to our Distribution and Collection team in the event they have to make repairs in a confined space.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Mike S.