



## City Manager

The Wellington Land Bank completed its second full year of operations in 2024. The goal of the Land Bank is to return tax delinquent properties to productive uses benefiting the Wellington community. In 2024, the Wellington Land Bank acquired four (4) properties and disposed of three (3).

As of December 31, 2024, the Land Bank had twenty-five properties in its inventory. A list of available properties and a report of the Land Bank's 2024 activities are available at <https://wellingtonks.municipalone.com/pview.aspx?id=20966&catID=0>

In 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance 4341, which changed the composition and role of the Land Bank Board of Trustees. There are presently two vacancies on the board. Members of the community with an interest in serving as a Trustee may contact the City Manager's Office for more information. .

## Public Works

- Public Works Staff began a new CDL training session on January 13th. We have four new staff members in the class.
- Employees from Public Works attended a Van Diest seminar in Salina last week covering vegetation management.
- We have been burning off the brush and limb pile at the Compost Site. The largest part of it has burned down but will continue to smolder the large trunks for another month or so. We try to burn when we have several days of light wind forecasted to push the smoke south or east. As we get past the first week the biggest part of the smoke is done but we also run the risk of the wind changing direction. We apologize for any inconvenience or unpleasant effects this may cause.

# Utilities

## Electric Distribution

Employees have been busy taking the Holiday Decorations down. We thank them for being out in the elements.

## Electric Production

Due to the recent cold weather and the availability of resources around the region, Electric Production staff have been operating both the gas turbine generator and the steam plant.

Wellington operates and maintains a 20 MW steam plant and a 20 MW gas turbine plant. While it is often less expensive for the City to purchase power resources on the market, the power plants offer backup for the community in case of transmission grid interruptions.



## Water Distribution

This picture shows what the crews encounter when fixing main breaks. In the past week they have had ten breaks that have been repaired.



## Water Production

Water usage for the week of January 16th thru January 22nd.

Water treated- 8,556,000 Daily Avg. 1,222,285

Water distributed- 8,122,000 Daily Avg. 1,160,285

Lake level- 49 inches low

River flow- unavailable

River pump- Off (pump down)

Staff replaced the chlorine booster pump, stand and several fittings troubleshooting chlorine issues. Staff has continued monitoring heaters, avoiding cold weather issues. Staff replaced a hose in the Alum pump. The river pump is still down for repairs.



To view and apply for Employment Opportunities with the City Visit:

**\*Check back next week for another position to be posted\***

**<https://wellingtonks.municipalone.com/apps/jobs/default.aspx>**

## Scheduled Meetings

Tues Jan 28~Housing Authority Board Meeting 12:00PM

Tues Jan 28~Planning Commission Meeting~ Cancelled

Tues Feb 4~ City Council Meeting

Thurs Feb 6~Memorial Auditorium Board Meeting 5:30PM

Mon Feb 10~Park Board Meeting 5:30PM

Tues Feb 11~ City Council Work Session 6:30PM