

CITY CONNECT

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FLIP THIS OVER FOR WATER PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS!!

Lee Belle Johnson Center: Community Context and Preservation

The City of Truth or Consequences has published a new informational webpage outlining the history, significance, and current status of the Lee Belle Johnson Center. The page provides background on the building's historic designation, its original role as a community center, and why structural stabilization is currently prioritized through the City's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP). Created in response to ongoing community interest, the page is intended to offer clear, factual context and to support informed public understanding. Readers are invited to learn more at torcnm.gov/leebelle

Inside the Blueprint: A Look at the Future Police Department

As part of the City's Blueprint Campaign, the City is developing an informational grid and webpage focused on the future Police Department building. Community members can view architectural renderings and project details at torcnm.gov/blueprint. In January 2026, the public was invited to an open house that included a tour of the interior of the former bank building, along with an opportunity to review the project renderings and a draft blueprint. Police Chief Tavizon addressed attendees during the event, sharing insights into the vision for the building and answering questions from the community.

Cash Transaction Rounding Policy

With the discontinuation of the U.S. penny, the City will move to a round-up/round-down policy for cash transactions only, as approved by the City Commission in January 2026. All charges will still be calculated to the exact cent, with rounding applied only to the final total when pennies are unavailable; non-cash payments will not be affected. For any questions, contact the City's Finance Department at (575) 740-7323.

Notice of Compliance Update – T or C Water System

Please be on the lookout for a secondary public notice that will be mailed regarding the City's Notice of Compliance. The City has received the corrections for the 2025 sanitary survey deficiencies for the Truth or Consequences Water System, and all violations have been returned to compliance except those associated with Well #2. Once the rehabilitation project for Well #2 is completed, the water system will be fully compliant with the 2025 sanitary survey requirements.



REMINDER - Please place only bagged household trash in trash bins. Yard waste and construction materials should not be placed in bins. Thank you for your help!

Header Image - Punk Greer Rodeo Arena

OUR CITY WORKS

STATS FOR JANUARY

ELECTRIC

- 6 electric poles replaced
- 4 new services
- Love's truck stop line is built and has temporary power.
- Electric Car Charger Station will start moving forward soon.

WATER SERVICES

- 35 Leaks Repaired with contractor assistance
- 16 Active Leaks
- 0 Lines Replaced

Gallons:

- Reuse water produced 19,193,000
- Reuse water sold 50,720
- Reuse water to golf course 213,680
- Reuse water to ball fields 0
- Reuse water to river 16,549,000

RECYCLING & WASTE

- Waste 771.8 Tons



MEET RALPH –

Ralph is a sweet, playful pup (about 1–3 years old) who would make the perfect adventure or hiking buddy. He's great with kids and dogs.



CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

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Your Water, Our Work

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS BEING INVESTED.
HERE'S WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING.

THE CITY WILL REPLACE ROUGHLY 80,000 FEET (15 MILES) OF WATERLINE OVER THE NEXT 2-4 YEARS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$40-50 MILLION THROUGH SHOVEL READY, WSPI-1 & 2 AND CRITICAL WATERLINE PROJECTS.

Shovel-Ready Waterlines (construction started Jan 16, 2026)

What it is: A fast-track bundle of line replacements pulled from other phases so crews were able to start quickly and capture funding sooner.

Scope: ~16,997 linear feet across six sections, including S. Broadway (Cook→Morgan) and McAdoo & Daniels (Main→N.).

Why: Speeds visible progress, cuts administrative delays, and reduces leak-prone segments sooner.

Status: Work began in the 9th Street area on January 16, 2026; contractor schedule is posted on the project page and may shift with field conditions. Visit torcnm.gov/shovelready.

WSPI- 1: Pressure & Priority Line Replacements

What it is: WSPI-1 focuses on pressure stabilization and targeted pipe replacements.

Key fixes:

- Install 8 Pressure-Reducing Valves (PRVs) (e.g., Kopra; Date & Pershing; 9th; N. Silver; Holden Rd. area; Broadway & Corona; S. Broadway near Veterans Memorial Park; Pershing & 8th).
- Replace ~15,017 ft of aging pipeline in eight segments (e.g., New School Rd., N. Date, Yucca Heights Rd., E. Marie, Holden Rd., Kopra, W. 6th).

Why: Stable pressure prevents bursts, reduces leaks, and extends the life of pipes and fixtures.

Status: In bid advertisement process.

WSPI- 2: Veater & Riverside—Fixing the Most Leak-Prone Areas

What it is: Priority replacements on Veater St. and Riverside Dr., where crews respond to frequent mainline leaks. Includes hydrant upgrades and creating a redundancy loop so crews can isolate breaks without shutting water to larger areas (helping nearby Williamsburg).

Why: Fewer emergency shutoffs, better road conditions (less dig-patch-repeat), and more reliable service.

Status: Finalizing bridge loan - Ready to bid.

Smart Water Meters (AMI): Real- Time Reads, Faster Leak Alerts

What's changing: Installing Landis & Gyr AMI meters and is expanding the network by installing additional routers. Engineers will integrate AMI into current and future projects.

Funding path: The City acquired a CDBG grant to install 900–1,000 meters in the next 12–18 months, with a second phase funding request in planning for another ~1,000 meters; goal is full conversion over four years.

Why: More accurate billing, faster leak detection, fewer surprises, and time-savings for field crews.

Status: In bid advertisement process.

