



State of the City Address
March 20, 2025

Sales Tax Numbers

	2024	2023	Difference
City	\$7,101,100.57	\$6,920,536.12	\$180,564.45
General Fund City Sales	\$3,200,550.28	\$3,112,268.03	\$ 88,282.25
County	\$3,321,851.81	\$3,217,920.53	\$103,931.28
Public Safety	\$2,662,912.72	\$2,595,188.04	\$ 67,724.68
Parks Improvements	\$3,550,550.25	\$3,460,268.09	\$ 90,282.16
Park Operations	\$1,775,275.15	\$1,730,133.85	\$ 45,141.30

Coulter Celebration of Lights Mountain Home



9046 cars drove through the Christmas lights
\$37,098.40 in donations

Street Department



Projects

Rebuilds:

North Church Street	\$184,806.01
Morris Street	\$151,941.61
6 th Street/Foster Street	\$361,943.20
Turnage Trail/Deer Path	<u>\$313,287.81</u>
	\$1,011,978.00

The total feet of street rebuild in 2024 was 6,032.

Reconstruction:

16th and Post Oak \$ 3,190.53

Drainage:

Cedar Street \$113,359.88

Overlays:

2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th Streets, South Street, Bryant Street, Justis Street, and J Street

\$448,325.51

Current Projects

Redbud and Windbrook/Delwood Project
Access Road to Aquatic Center

Maintenance

Regular street maintenance
23 traffic signals/boxes
Drainage ditches cleaned
ADOC inmates assisted for 26 days cleaning creeks and right of ways

Water and Sewer Department



Water Supply and Treatment Plant

1.4 billion gallons of water into distribution system

Projects

High Service Generator Upgrade
High Service Pump and Motor Repair
Added Anthracite Coal to Filters
Upgrade Scada Radio System
Replaced backwash valve #7



Wastewater Treatment Plant

Treated over 976 million gallons of wastewater in 2024

Projects

Bypass Pumping

Screw Pump Replacement



Screw Pump

Billing Division

Processed approximately 6,702 paper bills and 1,844 e-bills monthly.
Generates over 7,550 work orders annually

Leveraging Technology for Enhanced Service

The department uses *Sensus* auto read meters which allows for remote access to assist with billing and troubleshooting. Plans are underway to implement *Ally Meters* featuring remote shut off and turn on capabilities, as well as other remote features. *FieldHawk 2.0* has been implemented to enable remote, paperless work orders.

Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

Lead Service Line Inventory was completed and submitted to the Department of Health.

Warehouse Division

Water Construction Crews - Upgraded or replaced 3,353.75 feet of pipe.
Sewer Construction Crews – Upgraded or replaced 989.5 feet of pipe.

Water and Sewer Field Projects

Current Project

Southwest Sewer Main extension	\$525,312.73
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Completed Project

10 th and J Street Water Main	\$ 79,215.61
7 th and Bryant Street	\$260,807.61
Bean, Fern, Alice and Preyer	\$137,422.34
CR 390 (sewer)	\$ 52,557.32
Deer Path	\$ 46,578.80
2 nd and South Street	<u>\$103,158.06</u>
	\$679,737.00

Fire Department

Celebrating 50 Years



AS A FULL-TIME FIRE DEPARTMENT

1975 - 2025



WITH THE OPEN HOUSE OF SHARP FAMILY STATION 2



1973

vs.

2025

New Fire Department expected to be open in early May of 2025.



24 fulltime firefighters and 7 volunteer
ISO 3 inside city 4/10 rural
Responded to 3597 incidents
Tested 1080 hydrants and 359 section of fire hose

Fire Marshal Events

Fire Prevention Week reached over 2300 children
Donations \$11,600
453 Business Inspections
48 New business inspections

Fire Marshal Investigations

12 different fires with 2 culminated in arson arrests

Mountain Home Police Department



Patrol Division

Full-time officers	34
Part-time officers	9
Dispatchers	5
Civilian Admin	3

Stats

Total Incident Reports	1897
Total Uniform Crime Reports	1963
Service Calls	9173

Criminal Investigations Division

Managed two murder investigations

Investigated four arson cases

Drug Statistics

140 drug incident reports generated

Total seized drug street value \$264,960

Code Enforcement

Streets/Sidewalks Drainage Maintenance	8
Animal Control	14
Occupational License	1
Portable and Temporary Signs	90
Maintenance of Real Property	1013
Boarding and Securing Buildings	3
Unsanitary Conditions	34
Noise	3

Report Count: 1166

Training

The MHPD employees had a total of 7,944 hours of training last year.

Tenth Judicial District Court

Criminal Cases

City 1,719

County 5,034

Other Cities 1,572

Civil/Small Claim Cases 318

Collected and distributed \$1,094,798.77 to various agencies in fines, costs, and restitution fees.

Planning and Engineering

Arnold Knox moved his engineering and planning team to City Hall. Clay Strain was hired as the new building inspector in January.

Inspections	743	
Permits	556	
Commercial	29	
Residential	32	\$73,019.91
New Businesses	257	
Business Renewals	1,133	\$213,271.17

Parks and Recreation Department

Sports & Recreation:

Baseball:	220
Softball:	92
Bomberball (coed):	70
T-ball (coed):	89
Spring Soccer:	314
Fall Soccer:	224
Fishing Derby:	250
Flag Football:	69
Volleyball Clinic:	77
Softball Clinic:	35
Beginner Archery:	52
Intro to Kayaking:	14
Game calling class:	22
Casting for Kids:	30
Total:	1,558 Participants

Night at the ballfields



Youth Center Activities:

Valentine's Dance: 233

Spring Carnival: 820

Safety Fair: 200

Trunk or Treat: 3500

Spring Break: 387

Summer Break: 6553

Kindermixer: 75

2 Movies in the Park: 150

Total: 11,918 Participants

Rentals & Reservations (Parks/Pavilions/Keller & Clysta):

Parks Reservations: 499

Ballfield Reservations: 322

ASUMH Softball Games: 26

Birthday Parties (YC): 64

Tournaments Hosted: 24 (up 13 from 2023)

****Tournaments hosted by 5 different organizations****

City Pool:

Swim Meets: 2

Daily Users: 14,475

Swim Lessons: 450

Pool Parties: 53

Cooper Ballfield:

ASUMH Games: 25

American Legion Games: 19

Recognitions & Awards:

ARPA Awards

Festival of the Year (5-11 yrs): Baxter Summer Concert Series

Outstanding New Professional: Andrew McNair

Champion of the Year: Lester White

President of ARPA: Daniel Baxley

Member at Large ARPA: Megan Engeler

Baxter Best of the Twin Lakes

Best Live Music Venue- Hickory Park

Best Public Park – Cooper Park

2nd Runner up Best Public Park- Hickory Park

25 years of Service: Kelly Lewis

Grants

Mountain Home Parks and Recreation

North Central Board of Realtors
Arkansas Tennis Foundation/USTA
ARDOT

\$ 7,500.00 (ADA Fishing Pier @ McCabe)
\$ 81,200.00 (Tennis Courts @ Cooper)
\$500,000.00 (Trailhead/Restroom/solar
lights McCabe)

Walking Trail



Fishing Pier @ McCabe



Biking/Walking Trail



Mountain Home Police Department

PAYS Coalition Grant

\$625,000.00



Mountain Home SRO Officer Zach Ables poses with members of the SEAD club Ables dedicated a large portion of his free time to helping write the grant that secured the \$625,000 in federal funding for the PAYS Coalition.

Body Armor Grant \$ 9,212.38
Local Match \$ 9,212.38
 \$18,424.76

Funding Source: US Department of Justice - Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

Overtime Grant \$ 80,400.00
Child Safety Seats \$ 2,600.00
Local Match In-Kind \$ 82,800.00
 \$165,800.00

Purpose: Payment of overtime for officers working enforcement of DWI/DUI, Speeding, Seat Belt, and Child Safety Seat Laws

Funding Source: Arkansas Highway Safety Office

2024 Tornado

May 26th Tornado - FEMA arrived and declared Baxter County a disaster. The Street Department was out the day after, clearing streets of fallen trees and limbs. A burn permit was acquired from ADEQ, and the Street Department began their limb pickup on June 3, finishing on July 10th with brush total of 2,534 cubic yards hauled. Reports were submitted to FEMA and the city will receive 75% of the total costs incurred.

