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# City of Kyle Dedicates New Public Works Building

**Kyle, TX -** Officials from the City of Kyle dedicated the City's new $2.6 million, public works building during a special ceremony this evening. The new building is just over 14,000 square feet and will be home to the City's Public Works department administration and also facilitate the housing and maintaince of all of the Public Works fleet of vehicles and equipment.

"I'd like to thank the city council for approving this facility in these difficult economic times," said Kyle interim city manager James Earp. "This building is an import piece of Kyle's mission to provide quality services to our citizens. Many of the functions of our Public Works department occur out of the notice of most residents, but the result of these functions has a very positive effect on the quality of life for our residents. This facility greatly improves our ability to keep pace with our growing city."

The Public Works department is charged with maintaining Kyle's streets, water systems, wastewater systems, and drainage systems as well as a number of other responsibilities.

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The new facility, located at 520 East Ranch Road 150 and on the site of a former wastewater treatment plant, also incorporates many environmentally friendly enhancements, including rainwater harvesting, indirect solar lighting, native landscaping, and also utilizes best management practices in construction and materials to minimize the carbon footprint.

"This building is the perfect example of our continuing commitment to provide for the needs of our community and our employees," said Kyle mayor Lucy Johnson. "Our Public Works crews play a critical role in keeping our water clean, our streets maintained, and our environment healthy. Not only will this facility enhance our crews' ability to meet that mission, but will also play a huge role in our ability to retain the quality personnel we have and to recruit the best personnel available when needed."

The Public Works Division, under the leadership of Public Works Director Harper Wilder, has grown from 6 personnel in 2006, to its current 31 employees, using 18 vehicles and 20 pieces of equipment to maintain over 1,800 miles of roadway and 215 miles of water and wastewater pipelines. Public Works' crews are projected to repair 600 potholes and repair or replace 240 signs next year. Additionally, work orders for street repair and improvement have increased from 249 in 2008, to over 1,200 for the current year, and are projected to increase to over 1,400 next year.

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The design/build team for the project is SpawGlass Construction and Marmon Mok Architecture.

“We are proud to have been a part in the creation and construction of this impressive facility,” said Brian Kent, Project Manager for SpawGlass Construction. “We have greatly enjoyed our successful working relationship with the City of Kyle and look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Kyle.”

The City of Kyle is one of the fastest growing cities in Texas. The new public works building is part of the City’s comprehensive building program designed to help the City keep pace with the growing demand for services. Completed building projects include a new city hall, fire station, and swimming pool. Future projects are proposed to be a new recreation center, library, and police station. Future projects are still pending council and voter approval.

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**Kyle City Council Approve Community Support Dollars for Kyle Non-Profits**

**Kyle, Texas –** The Kyle city council formally approved allocating $30,000 set aside for grants to assist local non-profits providing services to Kyle residents. The grants were approved as recommended by the City's Community Relations committee chaired by council member Bradley P. Pickett.

"I'm happy to have executed this direction given to my committee by the Kyle city council," said Pickett. "However, it is my wish that citizens will find the resources within themselves to provide assistance directly to worthy organizations, like the ones receiving these grants or others that also provide needed services, in order that government is not placed in the position of allocating taxpayer funds for this purpose."

The Community Support Grant process was initiated by the Kyle city council three years ago in response to requests for assistance from community service oriented organizations. The $30,000 amount was chosen as it represents approximately $1 per resident for the fiscal year to be spent toward community support programs.

"The importance of these grants to the organizations that are receiving them is greater then ever during these tough economic times," said Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson. "This year's City

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of Kyle budget is as tight as it as ever been, but the money we spend toward these services is more like an investment in our community as the service goes directly to our citizens that are in the most need."

Qualifying organizations must provide services directly to the citizens of Kyle and sign a contract with the City requiring quarterly expenditure reports and an audit.

Organizations receiving grants are Casa of Central Texas - $3,500, Hays Caldwell Council Alcohol and Abuse - $2,000, Meals on Wheels - $6,000, CTMC Hospice Care - $2,500, Southside Community Center 0 $2,000, Hays Caldwell Women's Center - $6,000, Greater San Marcos Youth Council - $2,200, Hays County Food Bank - $3,500, and Hope and Love for Kids - $2,300.

Grants for the 2010-2011 fiscal year are again budgeted for $30,000 and the application process for interested organizations is expected to begin in the spring of 2011.

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