



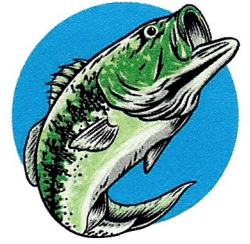
# MIDWAY MESSENGER

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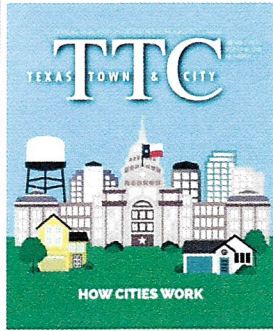
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### From the Mayors Desk:

The Texas Municipal League (TML) publishes a monthly magazine "Texas Town and Cities". The goal is to inform the public how cities work. A collection of articles covering the important functions and vital services that Texas cities provide. We are going to look at January 2025 issue (TT&C Jan 2025 Volume CXII Number1).

"This issue of our magazine is a tool to help city officials explain how Texas cities are powerful engines of economic growth, as well as safe and pleasant places, for people to grow up, raise families, and retire".

By **Bennett Sandlin**, Executive Director, TML



#### In this issue of Texas Town & City.

*The sources of municipal revenue and the way which the legislature can damage that revenue*

*The value of building codes*

*Municipal economic development efforts and the ways that property tax caps threaten those efforts*

*The status of municipal solid waste programs*

*Municipal transportation and public works and the importance of maintaining right-of-way authority, compensation for use of right-of-way, and funding sources for drainage utilities*

*Municipal participation in utility rate cases*

*The provision of municipal water and wastewater services, including funding for the State Water Plan*

*The connection between infrastructure and revenue caps*

*The high cost of providing public safety services*

*The importance of annexation authority to the future of Texas cities and the state's economy*

*The ways in which zoning authority protects citizens and their property values*

*The importance of libraries and library funding*

*The value of municipal parks and recreation programs*

**Over the next few months we will review the issue's listed above.**

[www.tml.org/867/\\_2023](http://www.tml.org/867/_2023)

The City of Midway council meetings are the last Monday of every month. Visit the city website for additional information. <https://midway.municipalimpact.com/>



*Let all that you do be  
done in love*

— 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1 (ESV)

### From the City Secretary:

In recent months there has been a lot published about grants in the newspaper and in our newsletter, and we thought it might be a good idea to talk about how grants work. This is just an overview, not a lot of detail.

Typically a state agency, such as Texas General Land Office (GLO) or the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will put out a notice that they are accepting applications for a specific grant program. Usually, they will allow the Councils of Government, in Midway's case that would be the Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) to let all the entities within the BVCOG know that they will begin taking applications and they will provide scoring criteria; the higher you score the more likely you are to get your projects funded.

Once you've decided to submit an application, you'll need to get an engineer and a grant administrator. These engineers will help with the design of the project and the grant administrator will help with the application and all of the other paperwork.

Your application gets submitted, the agency (GLO or TDA) will score your application and determine if you meet the criteria to be awarded. Once you are awarded, you are still in a holding pattern until you have a Kick-Off Meeting and the agency gives you the notice to proceed with your projects. Now here's where people get confused, just because you have been awarded the funding, does NOT mean you have been given the money! The agencies do not give the grant recipients the money in one lump sum. Once the projects are started, the engineer will have to present paperwork showing that the work that has been done, is in compliance with the scope of work outlined in the contract. The recipient (the City) looks over this paperwork and if they agree with it, the Mayor will sign off and then the paperwork is sent to the grant administrator. The grant administrator will look over the paperwork and prepare a request for payment, and submit the paperwork and pay request to the agency. If the agency agrees with everything, they will send the amount cited in the pay request to the recipient's bank account, the recipient is notified of the deposit, and has 3 to 5 days to submit the payment to the appropriate person; grant administrator, engineer, contractor or vendor. At no time does the recipient have the full amount of funds awarded in their possession. All transactions must be carefully documented for future file audits.