

# 2015 City of Stillwater, Oklahoma Historical Financial Data Analysis

## Detailed Timeline

4 July 2025

*Here's a detailed timeline of the main events and a cast of characters based on the provided sources*

### **Timeline of Events**

**1891:** The City of Stillwater, Oklahoma, is organized as a municipal corporation under applicable state laws.

**1960:** The City of Stillwater adopts its current council-manager form of government charter.

**1990 (February 19):** The Stillwater Industrial Redevelopment Authority is established by resolution of the City Council.

**1994 (January 1):** The City of Stillwater initiates a 0.5% sales tax.

**1999 (January 1):** The City of Stillwater levies an additional 0.375% sales tax.

**2000 (April 1):** The City of Stillwater increases its sales tax by 0.5%.

**2001 (October 1):** The City of Stillwater levies an additional 0.50% sales tax dedicated to the Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA). This tax was initially set to expire on September 30, 2006.

**2006 (April 4):** Stillwater citizens vote to extend the additional 0.50% sales tax (for SUA) until September 30, 2016.

**2006 (April 1):** The City of Stillwater increases its sales tax to 0.75%.

**2006 (July):** The Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA) and Rural Water Corporation No. 3 enter into a purchase agreement to consolidate their water distribution systems.

**2007 (December):** The City's first Business Improvement District is created in Downtown Stillwater.

**2010:** Stillwater ordinance in 2010 dictates that golf employees are included with recreation and culture starting in 2011.

**2010 (September):** The Rural Water Advisory Board, Rural Water Corporation No. 3 Board, and SUA's Trustees approve an amendment to the July 2006 purchase agreement. This amended agreement identifies specific improvements and upgrades to the water system and provides a timeline for completion, subject to funding.

**2012 (November 5):** The Stillwater Industrial Redevelopment Authority is renamed the Stillwater Economic Development Authority (SEDA) via an amendment to its trust.

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**2012 (December 2):** Ruby Joyce Deshazer sustains an accidental personal injury to her low back while employed by the City of Stillwater.

**2013 (April 1):** The City of Stillwater increases its sales tax to 0.813%.

**2013 (August 23):** A Workers' Compensation Court order is filed for Brian L. Porter regarding an injury to his right shoulder.

**2013 (September 18):** A Workers' Compensation Court order is filed for Stephen H. Hall regarding an injury to his left shoulder.

**2014 (June 2):** A hearing is held for Ruby Joyce Deshazer's Workers' Compensation claim before Judge William R. Foster.

**2014 (June 9):** A Workers' Compensation Court order is filed for Ruby Joyce Deshazer, determining compensability and awarding permanent partial impairment benefits.

**2014 (May 19):** A public hearing concerning the proposed 2014/2015 budget for the City of Stillwater, Stillwater Utilities Authority, Stillwater Public Works Authority, and Stillwater Economic Development Authority is held.

**2014 (October 1):** The County Excise Board, including Glennacraig (County Clerk), certifies the total assessed valuation of property for the current year 2014-15.

**2014 (November 21):** Sinking Fund Schedules for June 30, 2014, and the Sinking Fund Estimate of Needs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, are filed with the State Auditor & Inspector.

**2015 (June 30):** This date serves as the fiscal year end for various financial statements and reports, providing a snapshot of the City of Stillwater's financial health, operations, and liabilities.

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### **Cast of Characters**

*City of Stillwater, Oklahoma: A municipal corporation organized in 1891, located in north central Oklahoma, serving as a regional center. It operates under a council-manager form of government.*  
*Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA): A public trust that operates the electric, water, wastewater, and sanitation services for the City of Stillwater. Its operations are funded in part by a dedicated sales tax.*

**Stillwater Economic Development Authority (SEDA):** Established in 1990 as the Stillwater Industrial Redevelopment Authority, and renamed in 2012. It is a public trust with the City as its beneficiary, aiming to improve the economic climate through various activities, including housing, redevelopment, and other economic initiatives.

**Oklahoma State University:** A university located in Stillwater, contributing to the city's role as a regional center for education.

**City Council (Stillwater):** The governing body of Stillwater, consisting of five members, including the mayor, elected at-large on a non-partisan basis for staggered three-year terms. They hold policymaking and legislative authority.

**Mayor (Stillwater):** Elected at-large by the citizenry, serves as a member of the City Council.

**Vice-Mayor (Stillwater):** Elected by the City Council from its membership.

**City Attorney (Stillwater):** Legal counsel for the City.

**Finance Department (Stillwater):** Responsible for the financial administration of the City.

**SUA Director:** Head of the Stillwater Utilities Authority.

**Customer Service Division (SUA):** Handles residential collection and other customer-related services for SUA.

**Electric Division (SUA):** Manages generation, transmission, distribution, engineering, and warehouse operations for the electric utility.

**Water Treatment (SUA):** Responsible for the treatment of water.

**Water Distribution (SUA):** Manages the distribution of water.

**Sewer Collection (SUA):** Manages the collection of sewer.

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**Billing (SUA):** Handles billing for utility services.

**Accounts Maintenance (SUA):** Responsible for maintaining customer accounts.

**Meter Reading (SUA):** Conducts meter reading for utility services.

**Meter Service (SUA):** Provides service for utility meters.

**State and Federal Compliance Management (SUA):** Ensures compliance with state and federal regulations.

**Industrial Pretreatment Program (SUA):** A specific program managed by SUA.

**Environmental Compliance Assistance (SUA):** Assists all SUA divisions with environmental compliance.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection (SUA):** Manages the collection of household hazardous waste.

**Rural Water Corporation No. 3:** A separate entity that had its water distribution system consolidated with SUA.

**Rural Water Advisory Board:** A board involved in approving the amendment to the water system consolidation agreement.

**Payne County:** The county in which Stillwater is located.

**County Excise Board (Payne County):** A board involved in assessing property valuations for tax purposes.

**Glennacraig:** The Payne County Clerk, who attests to the certification of property valuation.

**Stillwater Municipal Airport:** An airport whose operations are accounted for as a non-major proprietary fund.

**Stillwater Public Works Authority:** An entity mentioned in the context of the 2014/2015 budget hearing.

**Ruby Joyce Deshazer:** A claimant in a Workers' Compensation case against the City of Stillwater, regarding a low back injury sustained in December 2012.

**Judge William R. Foster:** The judge who presided over Ruby Joyce Deshazer's Workers' Compensation hearing in June 2014 and signed the order.

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**Richard A Shallcross:** Ruby Joyce Deshazer's attorney in the Workers' Compensation case.

**Dennis J McGrath:** An attorney representing the respondent and insurance carrier in Ruby Joyce Deshazer's Workers' Compensation case.

**John E Dorman II:** Assistant City Attorney for the City of Stillwater.

**Katrina Stephenson:** Acting Court Clerk for the Workers' Compensation Court in June 2014.

**Brian L. Porter:** A claimant in a Workers' Compensation case against the City of Stillwater, regarding a right shoulder injury sustained in June 2013.

**Stephen H. Hall:** A claimant in a Workers' Compensation case against the City of Stillwater, regarding a left shoulder injury sustained in October 2013.

**Stillwater Medical Center Authority:** A component unit of the City of Stillwater, operating a hospital and engaging in investment activities.

**Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System:** A retirement system for police officers.

**Oklahoma Firefighter's Pension and Retirement System:** A retirement system for firefighters.

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