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Compared to most months the past year, January's sales tax revenues to the city of Imperial were down a bit.

But, the $29,044.90 from January's sales pushed the overall total to more than $648,000 since the additional one percent Imperial city tax started in April, 2007.

Of January's total, $3,861.92 came from the one percent city sales tax on vehicles. Those funds go directly into the city's street fund.

As per the vote by city residents in November, 2006, half of the city sales tax monies go into a fund for economic development efforts. The other half is earmarked for community projects, and also housed in a separate fund.

Much of the community projects sales tax money is meeting the city's bond payments for their costs of the new swimming pool/lockerroom complex.

Funds from the economic development side of the proceeds have been used, in part, to support business start-ups and aid the hospital in doctor recruitment, among others.

Monthly city sales tax proceeds

April, 2007	$20,199.40
May, 2007	23,956.01
June, 2007	28,766.35
July, 2007	27,100.34
August, 2007	28,885.17
September, 2007	26,237.63
October, 2007	27,883.12
November, 2007	22,397.37
December, 2007	27,298.21
January, 2008	34,906.03
February, 2008	26,144.16
March, 2008	28,637.64
April, 2008	34,977.58
May, 2008	30,634.26
June, 2008	36,651.61
July, 2008	38,195.20
August, 2008	32,126.00
September, 2008	30,490.55
October, 2008	$32,342.49
November, 2008	$26,366.88
December, 2008	$35,016.90

January, 2009 $29,044.90
Total $648,257.80