



January 26, 2021 – Superintendent’s Report

ADMIN UPDATE:

The Utility is seeking approval of an amendment to the engineering agreement with GAI approved on 11.10.2020. If you recall, I had mentioned at that time that we would be coming back with an amendment to the contract for drainage work associated with the project after we had met with the engineers and determined the scope of the work. This additional engineering, for \$48,600, provides for design of ditch and pipe work to restore drainage functions in our project area. Please note that, like the stormwater work recently approved at Kitley Avenue under the Brookhaven water main project, the city’s Stormwater Utility will be paying for the improvements. By the time our project is built, they will have received the funding from the stormwater impact fee collections. We recommend approval of this amendment so we can start completing design and permitting work associated with the project, which is the right time to pursue these improvements.

The Utility is seeking approval to award the 5400 Carroll Road Water Main Extension project to Miller Pipeline, LLC, as the lowest, most responsive, responsible bid, in the amount of \$182,639.60. The bid came in lower than the engineer’s opinion of probable cost as well, which was \$335,800.

The Utility is seeking approval to enter into a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to enable the replacements of older, high maintenance vehicles in a more efficient and timely manner. In the first year of the agreement, the Utility will be able to replace 13 vehicles ranging from 5 to 15 years old. This program does not include heavy equipment such as excavators, dump trucks, our sewer cleaning and hydro-excavating trucks. The Utility will be trading in 17 vehicles to offset costs for the 13 new vehicles. The Utility will be able to better manage the fleet and rotate them out based on use, maintenance, and condition, every two to five years as needed. The vendor will periodically meet with us to review fleet vehicle condition, age, and performance so that we get increased value, lower maintenance costs, increased performance and reliability. This program also allows us to utilize the dollars returned on trade-ins to offset the costs of new vehicles moving forward. By participating in this lease program, it will allow the Utility to spend less money out of the capital funds on vehicles yearly so more capital funds are available for other utility infrastructure capital improvement projects.

Operational Data:

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

- Performing routine maintenance and upkeep on lift stations and grinder pump stations.

Water Distribution Underground Operations

- Performing routine inspections, emergency shut outs for repairs, valve exercising, valve box repairs, and fire hydrant testing/inspections.
- Performing routine water line repairs, service line repairs, fire hydrant replacements, vehicle repairs, and maintaining street and sidewalk cuts until final restorations can be made.

WATER PLANT/WELL ACTIVITY

- Performing routine maintenance and daily routines to make sure water treatment plants are operating properly.

BUSINESS OFFICE/SERVICE DEPARTMENT

December 2020 Totals

- 15,063 Active accounts.
- 944 Work orders completed.

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

4441 N Longworth Ave. – customer is requesting an adjustment in the sewer portion of the bill for \$376.68 due to a service line leak in the crawl space. We recommend approval.