



May 25, 2021 – Superintendent’s Report

ADMIN UPDATE:

The Utility is seeking approval of Chang Order No. 3 from S.C. Case Excavating. This change order was due to a modification in the asphalt surface depth from 1” to 1.5” at the request of the City engineer. This change order resulted in no increase to the contract amount.

The Utility is seeking approval of Change Order No. 1 on the Carroll Road Water Main Project. As we previously mentioned, the alignment of the new water main had to be adjusted due to the discovery of a septic field that was in conflict with the new main's designed alignment. The amount of the CO was reduced to \$29,500 from an original estimate of roughly \$35,000. In addition, there will be additional easement-related work concerning the re-alignment that will be taken care of by our engineer on the project, Shrewsbury & Associates. The project has attained Substantial Completion and we will be closing it out soon. We recommend approval of this Change Order. Following approval, Pay App 1 will be submitted for payment to be on the claims list for the June 8th USB meeting.

The Utility is seeking approval of the Professional Services Agreement with HWC Engineering to begin design work on a new water main replacement project that will target the area from 54th Street south to 49th Street between Richardt and the interstate highway. This project will be constructed in two phases starting in 2022. Survey work is anticipated to be complete by September of this year with design work to follow and a bid schedule in March of 2022.

Following is a brief update on our capital planning/projects:

- Awaiting final design review so we can bid the Phase II – Contract B water main replacement project. This project should go to bid in June 2021.
- First bid advertisement for the Maple Lane/Zoeller Ave/Wallingwood Dr water main project was published May 7th and the second on May 14th. The pre-bid meeting was held on May 18th and bids are scheduled to be opened on May 26th. We plan to have a recommendation to the Board for awarding this project at the June 8th USB meeting.
- We will also bid the 52nd Street tower project in the fall.
- The Brookhaven Phase I project is wrapping up and we will be seeking a Task Order from BLN in order to begin survey/design work for Phase II.
- We are waiting on the final pay app and for restoration work to be completed on the Elmhurst Basin Sanitary Sewer Rehab project to be completed and this project will be done.
- We are planning a 2,500 meter Change Out Project for 2021 in order to continue to upgrade our meters. We have issued a PO from capital for \$1,009,036 to purchase the meters and the RFQ's are being prepared in order to select a contractor to perform the work.

The Utility management will also begin looking at constructing a new operations building on the site where the city garage is presently located. This will allow our present facility at 9201 Harrison Park Court to be placed back on the tax rolls and place the existing operations building up for sale. The proceeds will go to offset the cost of the new building. Our first step will be to seek a firm to enter into a design/build arrangement. We have a rough plan of a layout ready in order to begin the process. The

city garage property is tax exempt and there is adequate room there to construct a facility of the size we need in order to store vehicles and equipment as well as all our regular parts, fittings and other materials. It will also have office spaces for the various department managers and staff as well as a meter testing area. This should not be confused with our pending relocation of the utility Business office and Admin offices to the Lawrence Government Center, which is also in the planning stages while other departments are relocating offices inside the building.

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

April Totals

- 15106 Active accounts.
- 1087 Work orders completed.

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS: None