



September 26, 2023 – Superintendent’s Report

ADMIN UPDATE:

The Utility is seeking approval of Amendment 4 to Task Order 4 with American Structurepoint on the 2022 Sewer Rehab Project in the amount of \$11,600 to compensate for additional Construction Inspection time incurred on the project. The extra inspection time was necessary, and the Utility was aware of it. We recommend approval of the amendment.

Peerless Midwest is set to drill new Well #11 in the Fort Harrison wellfield. We are still working with the engineer on the design process and bidding options to get the well house and associated underground utility work completed to bring the well on-line.

The Utility and its CFO will begin the 2024 Budget process in the next few weeks, along with a 2024 Salary Resolution. Our water rate study is not completed yet though we hope to have something to review soon.

Our fall water main flushing program is underway and proceeding well.

The Fort Harrison Sanitary Sewer Capacity Improvements Project is proceeding well and on schedule. Because of the condition of the roadbed under Harrison Park Drive, there will likely be some additional costs for backfill as the loose soil collapsing widened the area impacted by excavation work and made for a wider trench than was called for.

The Utility has instructed our engineer to issue a proposed Change Order to the contractor performing the water main replacement along 46th Street to provide for a 2-inch mill and resurface of that roadway. Based on the number of excavations we have performed and the impacts of construction traffic, we believe that this mill and resurface will provide a better finished product when the project is completed. It will not include the pavement on the bridge decking for the bridge over I-465 as that was replaced not too long ago by Marion County. We have discussed the estimated cost of approximately \$280,000 with our CFO and the water utility capital fund is able to handle this additional cost.

Operational Data:

Sanitary Sewer System

- Performing routine maintenance and upkeep on lift stations and grinder pump stations.
- Performing routine maintenance on the gravity sanitary sewer collection system.
- Working with Engineer and Contractor as needed for the 2022 Manhole and Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project (SWIF/ARPA)

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.
- Working with engineers and contractors as necessary on all Lawrence Utilities Capital projects.

- Performing testing and inspections as necessary for private projects in the city.
- Biannual water main flushing for the Fall is currently in progress.

Water Plant/Well activity

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

Business Office/Service Department

August Totals

- 15,319 Total Accounts
- 2,340 Total Work Orders Completed

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS: None