

# Department of Public works report

## November 2020

**The street crew:** The guys from the street crew have helped welcome Josh Rutledge to the crew as the new water meter reader.

They all pitched in as well as the water and sewer crew to get the last round of meter readings done.

The leaf season is in full swing now and the guys are doing what they can to stay ahead of the curve. Also the rain has not helped.

Cleaned all storm drains and gratings. Cleared debris from water ways after the storms. Picked up some brush and trash on the streets.

Cleared washed out gravel from roadway.

Hauled loads of gravel and dirt that were bought by citizens.

Donnie filled in on the Dumpster truck when necessary.

Cleared several deceased animals from Main Street.

Helped out with the digging and covering of several graves.

Helped put up the Christmas decorations.

**Water and sewer crew:** The water crew is still down one person with Zack Franklin still out although he is slated for a return to work in early December.

They had 189 miss utility request and six emergency Requests. That in itself is a huge amount of request. We normally average around 25 per month. This is due to the Osmose company working on all of the power poles in the town area.

Pumped and dumped leachate from the landfill tank 3 different times minimum was three trucks and maximum was seven trucks.

**Did some flushing of sewer line problem areas.**

**Did the normal hydrant flush.**

**Fixed the sewer line on Bluegrass street that was on the town where roots had grown into the existing line. There are several more of those such areas that will be completed soon.**

**Completed work orders.**

**Marked and dug graves. And marked spots for the monument company to place headstones.**

**Used the camera system to inspect some of the sewer line that was identified during smoke testing.**

**Had multiple sewer clean outs.**

**Worked on fixing some of the problem clean outs from the smoke testing.**

**Still working with B&B on the Endly street project.**

**Helped put up the Christmas decorations.**

## **Building and Grounds:**

**Inspects the Robert E Lee building and airport on a regular basis.**

**Keeps paper products in all of the buildings of the town and does what work is needed such as light bulbs, fixing doors etc...**

**checked and signed fire extinguishers for the month.**

**Replace several street light bulbs and all air filters in the town buildings.**

**Worked on lights on the runway at the airport. Keeps an eye out for leaks after storms on hangers and other buildings.**

**Painting at the airport in different areas.**

**Carried the dump truck to the landfill for the WWTP.**

**Chris has been working with the guys on the boiler at the R.E.Lee building. That project is now complete and operational.**

**Helped put up the Christmas decorations.**

## **Shop:**

**Worked on police dept cars to include changing oil, belts, tires, inspection, air conditioning, seats, battery's, etc...**

**Fixed tires on several police cars and the garbage truck.**

**Completed some repairs on the leaf machine from wear and use.**

**Sharpened and worked on chainsaws and weed eaters as needed.**

**Worked on the concrete saw and the 4 inch pump for the water crew.**

**Worked on the Dump truck from WWTP the tail gate needed some repair.**

**Also got the new bucket truck up and going and Chris's old truck cleaned out and cleaned up ready to be sold.**

**Helped put up the Christmas decorations.**

**Meter Crew:** For the month of Nov the entire crews from water and sewer and the street crew pulled together and got the meter reading done. Josh Rutledge has started as the new meter reader and is doing a good job training with Donnie. It will take several readings for him to become comfortable with the process.

## **Sanitation crew:**

**Completed trash rounds twice per week.**

**They are working well around Holidays with the extra amount of trash being generated.**

## **Commercial:**

**The dumpster truck has been doing well since the repair.**

**David is doing a great job keeping the dumpsters cleared. Donnie has jumped in on occasion to help with late call ins.**

## **WWTP:**

**Cleaned water clarifiers and sand filters on a daily bases.**

**Completed daily, weekly, and monthly water tests.**

**Checked on pumping stations every day and added grease remover as needed.**

**Projects completed: The boiler project at the R.E. Lee building is completed and operational. One of the problem sewer lines have been corrected (Bluegrass). There is several more that need attention.**

**Projects underway: Still have plenty of areas on the sewer system that are being worked on as time permits. The signs for Bondurant Brothers Distillery have arrived and need to be installed as well as a few other signs. Still looking to a way to sweep the main streets to help with appearance and cleanliness.**

**Superintendent statement: The year 2020 is coming to an end and let's hope it will end a lot of the problems that have been associated with it. As we head into December let's all try to remember that we still have a lot to be thankful for. We do not have a perfect town nor do we have a town with a lot of money. However, we do have a great town. A town is only as good as the people who live in it. And we have a lot of great people in this town.**

**One thing I have learned since taking this job is nothing comes easy. I learn new things every day and I forget things every month. I am grateful for the team that I work with and could not do it without them. Thank you Ladies for helping to keep me straight.**

**And I commend Dusty for a job well done. I thought my job was tough but, I honestly don't know how he does what he does and keeps a positive attitude.**

**Thank you to the council for your insight and encouragement and I am looking forward to what is yet to come. It is a great day to be in Chase City. Thank you.**