

Department of Public works report

March 2022

The street crew: The street crew has been doing some pruning and clearing of trees on main street. This was necessary due to overhanging limbs causing problems. Some of the trees removed had roots that had broken the side walk.

They have also cleaned up some of the ally ways in town. They were starting to become trashy either due to people throwing trash down or the wind carrying it from nearby dumpsters or trash cans.

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.

Cleaned up debris left from the storms and rain. Cleared grates for storm drains after the rain.

Worked on filling some graves that had sunk in at the cemetery.

Water and sewer crew:

Have fixed quite a few spots as far as water leaks and sewer problems.

They had 48 miss utility request and 3 emergency Requests.

Pumped and dumped leachate from the landfill tank 2 different times minimum was three trucks and maximum was seven trucks.

Did some flushing of sewer line problem areas.

Did the normal hydrant flush.

Marked and dug graves and covered when funeral services were complete.

Had multiple sewer clean outs.

Have been working on identifying infiltrating water on the sewer lines. They have located several large areas and are making preparations to correct them.

They fixed some ruts that were created during a couple of funerals when the ground was saturated from rain.

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.

Carried the dump truck to the landfill for the WWTP.

Chris is a vital member of the town often working alone and never complains.

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

changed tires on the garbage truck as well as change out a couple of hydraulic lines.

Sharpened and worked on chainsaws on several occasions.

Worked on the backhoe and replaced a cylinder on the sidearm tractor.

Marvin helped with a lot of the tree and limb clean up.

Working on the lawn mowers changing oil and sharpening blades to prepare for the up coming grass cutting season.

Sanitation crew:

Completed trash rounds twice per week.

Guys did an outstanding job on trash removal. Facing many different weather related obstacles.

Had a couple of the new guys fill in on the trash route as needed.

Commerical:

Donnie has jumped in and is doing a great job keeping things rolling and dumped.

WWTP:

Cleaned water clairfiers and sand filters on a daily bases.

Completed daily, weekly, and monthly water tests.

Checked on pumping stations everyday and added grease remover as needed.

With Dakota gone Josh Rutledge stepped up and did an outstanding job of filling in while a replacement was found. He admitted he did not like it, he never complained about having to do it.

We are back to a two man team at WWTP and still waiting for Rick Magann to return as a part time helper. This will help take some of the weekend burdens off the two man team.

Projects completed: We completed a couple of major projects which included a water leak on B street and replacing a sewer connection on Pettus street. Also completed a water leak in the Thynedale area.

Projects underway: We still have a few major projects to complete including the storm drain replacement in front of Jeff's body shop. The sewer line on Anderson street. Water valve replacement on Washington street. We will be replacing two water valves per year until we replace all.

Superintendent statement: As things in this country get worse, we have to still look at the positive things we can see. Chase City is still moving forward and looking to grow. We have a great group of folks working for the town. These folks will do what is necessary to complete the task given and even point out other tasks that we were not aware of. So I say Thank you to all the employees who work for the Town. It is truly a pleasure to work with them. It is a nice piece of mind when you can ask a crew to do a job and have the confidence in them to do the job right. So lets all keep the Town of Chase City in our prayers. Thank you.

Jim Wilson