

# **Department of Public works report**

**September 2020**

**The street crew:** The street crew is doing a great job with their new crew leader. With Zach out on water and sewer crew, the street crew has picked up the entire grass cutting and has helped out the water and sewer crew when they needed a hand.

Cut grass including the ball park, pavilion, the R.E Lee grounds, playground. Streets and lift stations, also the airport and landfill, cleaned and cut the welcome signs and the WWTP.

Trimmed low hanging limbs. And cleared some stop signs.

Cleaned all storm drains and grates 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.

Helped with the road patching.

Donnie filled in on the Dumpster truck when necessary.

Cleared several deceased animals from Main Street.

## **Water and sewer crew:**

They had 32 miss utility request and six emergency Requests.

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.

Replaced the broken hydrant on Boyd Street. Removed the old hydrant and planted grass.

**Replaced a 500 ft. section of water line on 5<sup>th</sup> street and hopefully ended the amount of water leaks on the lower end of that street.**

**Completed work orders.**

**Put in a driveway culvert on Dodd Street.**

**Helped out with the patching of the roads with the street crew.**

**Marked two graves for headstones.**

**Worked on clearing the area behind Butlers for a sewer line repair.**

**Used the camera system to inspect some of the sewer lines that were 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.**

## **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 very instrumental in the installation and preparation for the SCADA system at the WWTP. Chris and Dakota have done**

almost all of the leg work and installation of the wiring and conduit involved in the first phase of the project. They are doing the initial work on the second phase now.

## **Shop:**

Worked on police dept. cars to include changing oil, belts, tires, inspection, air conditioning, seats, batteries, etc...

Fixed tires on several police cars and the garbage truck.

Worked on lawn mowers and sharpened blades. Keeping the mowers ready for the grass cutting season.

Sharpened and worked on chainsaws and weed eaters as needed.

Put new rotors on the #51 s-10. Fixed

Corrected an overheating problem with the backhoe.

Helping to get the new maintenance log for the town vehicles squared away and implemented.

**Meter Crew:** The new meter reader quit and moved on to another job. We are in the process of hiring a replacement for him. In the meantime the water crew is going to pick up the job of reading meters for the upcoming month (OCT)

## **Sanitation crew:**

Completed trash rounds twice per week.

Doing a great job especially on the hot days.

## **Commercial:**

The dumpster truck has been doing well since the repair.

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

**5 new dumpsters will be arriving in early Oct for the ones that need replacing.**

## **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.**

**The SCADA system phase 2 conduit and wiring is being worked on by Chris and Dakota.**

**Have had a couple of road bumps on the SCADA system on phase 2 but have worked through them and are back on track.**

**Had a couple of close calls on overflows due to rainfall. Thanks to quick action by Dakota Jones for answering calls these were prevented.**

**Projects completed: The road pipe on Dodd ST, The storm drain on Hervey's lane, the road patching. The broken hydrant on Boyd is replaced. The 500 ft. of water line replaced on 5<sup>th</sup> street.**

**Projects underway: Still have plenty of areas on the sewer system that are being worked on as time permits. Still looking to get the boiler installed at the Robert E Lee building. Rework some of the road culverts throughout Town. SCADA system still in progress. A few more patches for the roadways.**

**Superintendent statement: Again 2020 is trying to knock us down but again we have stood our ground. We are losing our meter reader once again. So we now have to look into replacing him. We have made some improvements with the COVID situation and are trying to be as prepared as possible.**

**It is nice to hear some positive things coming in from the public now. We are finally starting to see some cohesion in the shop. Our team leaders are communicating with each other and helping each other out when needed. I hope we continue to see things get better in the work force. We still have a long way to go but at least we are moving forward. As usual thank you for your patience and support. It is a great day to be in Chase City.**