

Department of Public works report

July 2021

The street crew: July was a very good month. The street crew completed a lot of tasks that were on their list.

The pot holes all around town from the repair of the water leaks, have been fixed although some of the pot holes are now speed bumps.

The grass cutting has proven to be difficult due to the recent rains. As everyone knows when it rains the grass skyrockets. The guys are doing a good job trying to get it back under control.

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. As well as helped to remove a skunk caught in a trap by a citizen.

Also helped with meter reading and fixing a couple of leaking meters as well as replaced a few meters.

Worked on fixing some of the graves in the cemetery filling in low spots and sowing grass.

Water and sewer crew: July has proven to be tough for the water crew. They have had a lot of graves to handle this past month. They stepped up and got things done in a timely manner.

Had a return pump at WWTP that the cord got caught up in the pump itself. The guys stayed over and helped with that. When that was complete they had to go to T&J and dig up a manhole that was damaged by a dozer doing some grading on site.

They had 42 miss utility request and 5 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.

Used the camera system to inspect some of the sewer lines that were identified during smoke testing.

Had multiple sewer clean outs.

They also helped with patching the pot holes.

Also prepared the 500,000 gallon water tank for Southern corrosion to start painting the inside.

Also are helping identify things in our inventory that are no longer in use.

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. He also has replaced some of the receptacles and breakers in the cafe area.

Carried the dump truck to the landfill for the WWTP.

Chris has been helping out with WWTP in many aspects as well as doing his normal duties.

Chris also helped repair the pot holes and has spent a lot of time fixing things at the ball park.

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.

Sharpened and worked on chainsaws on several occasions.

Working on the Chevy dually and the jetter truck brakes.

Fixed a broken hose on the garbage truck.

Fixed Brakes on the garbage truck. Working on the never ending blade sharpening and lawn mower maintenance.

Sanitation crew:

Completed trash rounds twice per week.

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

It has been noticed that there seems to a lot more trash since the pandemic started most likely because people are home more.

Commercial:

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.

Things at WWTP are starting to smooth out since we have cut the flow in half with the corrected I&I problems.

They have figured out and corrected several problems in the basin however there are more things that need correcting.

Projects completed: The pot holes have been repaired. The guys put in a new road pipe at the food bank. The paving is done for the year. The jetter truck is back in service.

Projects underway: The 500,000 gallon water tank on Boyd Street is being painted on the inside and will be down for a few more weeks. The Backhoe is almost ready to be back in service from the broken axil. Getting quotes for oak wood panel to be installed.

Superintendent statement: I have learned in the short time I have been here that I have to depend on other people to get the job done. This is against my grain, I am an I will just do it myself kind of person. With that being said I could not even start to accomplish my job without the help of my fellow employees. I do not consider myself above anyone else that works for the town but, as an equal that has a job to do as we all do. I am thankful for the great people that I work with. We don't always see eye to eye but we stand shoulder to shoulder. As Dusty says "It's a great day to be in Chase City". As always thank you for your support.

Jim Wilson