Department of Public works report April 2021

The street crew: April was a very good month. The street crew had a lot going on, and they meet the challenge head on.

The crew cleared some overhanging limbs that were obstructing roadways.

We finished the storm clean up and headed right into big clean up week. The crews did an excellent job getting things cleared up in a timely manner.

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.

Grass cutting is now in full swing so everything now revolves around grass cutting.

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

Water and sewer crew:

Have fixed quite a few spots as far as water leaks and sewer problems. They have curbed over 150,000 gallons of I&I problems thus far.

They had 48 miss utility request and 4 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.

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

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

Had multiple sewer clean outs.

Still working with B&B on the Endly street project

Also helped with the big clean up week as well as brush removal from the ice storms.

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

Also starting on the repairs at the Ball park. And is the process of getting the ballpark buildings and the airport buildings and roof ready to paint.

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.

Sharpened and worked on chainsaws on several occasions.

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

Working on the Chevy dually and the jetter truck brakes.

Fixed a broken hose on the garbage truck .

Fixed Brakes on the garbage truck.

Marvin helped with the big clean up week as well as did some bush hogging on the landfill and airport.

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.

Commerical:

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 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.

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

Projects completed: Side walks were washed. Several sewer problems have been addressed. Big clean up week is complete. A lot the ball park project has been completed.

Projects underway: Still have plenty of areas on the sewer system that are being worked on as time permits. We will be sealing the side walks on main street. We will be doing hot patch on all of the areas that have had water leaks and the pavement removed.

Superintendent statement: As we go into the 5th month of 2021 things still seem to be different in the world. I would like to say thank you to the employees at the public works department. They have done and outstanding job. My job is becoming somewhat easier because, these men know their job and they are not afraid to do it. On most occasions they come to me and ask if it is ok to go ahead and complete a task they know must be done. I will be going out for knee surgery on May 28th and I am sure they will hold things down until I return. Thank you to the council for all they do. I have had several members asking questions to get an understanding of why some things are done the way they are. I think upon explaining they understood a little better. As always I appreciate your guidance and understanding. Thank you.

Jim Wilson