

# Department of Public works report

## September 2021

**The street crew:** The Month of September has seen the grass cutting being caught up and continues to improve.

The street crew trimmed some of the trees on Main Street and near the Estes Center.

The street and water crew worked in the cemetery on graves that were in very much need of attention. They said it was still about a days' worth of work that needs to be completed.

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

Donnie filled in on the Dumpster truck when necessary.

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

Cleaned the storm grates before and after every storm.

Also helped with digging and covering some of the graves as they needed.

**Water and sewer crew:** The water and sewer has been busy this month. They fixed several sewer problem areas and flushed a lot of hydrants to help combat cloudy water complaints.

They had 64 miss utility request and 8 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 line that was identified during smoke testing.**

**Had multiple sewer clean outs.**

## **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**

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

**Built new strainer baskets for a couple of the lift stations.**

**Also helped with grass cutting and cutting the waterways.**

**They guys are always willing to pitch in where necessary.**

### **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:**

**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.**

**Have been combating rags in the in fluent flow. By rags I mean hand sanitizing wipes, Clorox wipes, baby wipes, makeup cleaning wipes etc. These do not break down they clog drains and piping causing many problems.**

**Projects: We have started to receive the equipment for the meter change out as well as some of the equipment for the additional**

**SCADA upgrades. The crews are working on getting the stage set to help make a smooth transition when the time comes.**

**Superintendent statement: It is beginning to feel like fall. And with the fall comes the leaves and the cooler weather. We at the shop are preparing for this by getting equipment ready to be used when the time comes.**

**Our inventory changeover is coming together we now have the ability to read and print barcodes. So given about another month we should be able to see the growth of inventory on iworq as we populate the section.**

**We have a few items on the projects list that are in the works and you will see those on the next report. As always thank you for your support.**

**Jim Wilson**