

Department of Public works report

December 2021

The street crew: The street crew was hampered by being short handed. With Willie (Bo) out with a broken tail bone. And With Tony having COVID and Josh having stomach issues they were at best only up to about half speed.

Christmas time and Christmas decorations were troublesome this year but we managed to pull it off and I think it looked good. This crew helped with the parade from helping set up to the picking up of the barricades when it was over.

Started working with the elephant vacuum some. Still in the process of getting it right but it is somewhat working.

Borrowed Clarksville's leaf machine and got one days work out of it and that helped a lot. They have agreed to allow us to use it again. A lot of leaves were removed the old fashion way with the loader and dump truck.

Also helped with the clean out of the Robert E Lee Building upper room and the basement.

Water and sewer crew: This crew is dealing with still ongoing water leaks. Some of the lines in town are very brittle so when a leak happens the line must be replaced or you will have to revisit that area again. We learned this lesson with Harvey's lane. Fixed one leak and had to go back in and do it again. Replaced a section of line the second time.

They had 29 miss utility request and 3 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 this is done especially right before a holiday.

Did the normal hydrant flush.

Handled the grave duties for the month digging and covering.

Also helped with the Christmas lights.

This crew also helped with the winterising of the ball field the Airport. And helped out with the setting up and running of the new boiler in the Robert E Lee building.

This crew also ran the second truck after Christmas to help with the trash burden caused by the holidays.

They also helped with the leaves and brush.

Also helped with the cleaning out of the Robert E. Lee building basement.

Building and Grounds:

Inspects the Robert E Lee building and airport on a regular basis. H

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. The street lights are blowing bulbs at a quick pace, we have replaced 10 within the last 3 weeks and there are 2 more out now. Will be looking into that to see if there is a reason and what we can do to fix it. Got in a couple of LED bulbs to try and see if they last longer than the traditional sodium lights.

Helped with the Robert E Lee building clean up. His part included the removal of the barrier walls in the old cafeteria part.

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 he has been very instrumental with the new SCADA upgrade.

Chris is in charge if the decorations for the town as well as the flags being raised or lowered.

Shop:The shop crew gave an attempt to rewire the leaf machine a second time and succeeded however the second fire was hot enough to warp the cylinders and it would not run correctly.

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.

They guys are always willing to pitch in where necessary.

The shop guys got the kubota tractor running and the belly mower hooked up to it. This has not been used in a while but can be used in the ball park as 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.

The trash crew did well with the Christmas Holiday trash with the help of the water crew on the second truck.

They have picked up a lot of bagged leaves and some brush trying to help out where they can.

Commerical:

Is holding its own. Have had some problem with cars or trucks parked in front of the dumpster or in the area where they could be damaged. Hopefully we have corrected this problem for a while.

Donnie is wearing many hats at the moment. He is taking over Ricks job when he retires at the end of Jan. he is also running the dumpster truck and helping with the meters and when necessary helping out in the shop.

WWTP:

Cleaned water clarifiers 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.

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: With the Scada and the meter jobs being in the very last stage of completion, we still have a few projects to complete that we did not get done in 2021. They would be a couple of I&I problems that will require slip lining. A storm drain in front of Jeffs Body shop. That project was held up do to a road pipe shortage of all things. The pipe is in now and we will get that project completed soon I hope. We still have a well that we were asked to fill in. And a sewer line to replace on Anderson street.

Superintendent statement: Well 2021 is over and I hope 2022 is going to be better. We are working towards a better teamwork environment. We are also going to focus on safety this year. Not

saying the guys are not safe but, we all tend to get lax from time to time. We will be doing more safety meetings and drills. We will look to budget in more training on important topics. It is going to be a good year and hopefully not have as many problems as last year. I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am hoping we have a prosperous year and a safe year. As always thank you for you support and guidance.

Jim Wilson