

## Public Works Director Report

November 2025

*Demand- average daily demand was 514,000 Gallons per Day (G.P.D.)*

*Total Monthly Production – 15,924,000 gallons*

- **TxDOT- Safe Routes to School/Transportation Alternatives Project**

The project is considered substantially complete. TxDOT put a hold on construction of the ramp at the corner of Hereford Street/S.W. Barnard Street. I have been told by the contractor that the engineer is redesigning the sidewalk ramp. *I was able to meet with Noel Spaar (TxDOT Engineer) on site at the intersection of S.W. Barnard/Hereford Street to discuss various alternatives to design a sidewalk ramp without relocating the massive TNMP pole. Not only is the new pole in the way but the guy wires are a problem as well. I think we have come up with a couple of options that may work. TxDOT has agreed to send out a surveyor to identify the edge of Right-of-Way to confirm the amount of space there is to work with.*

- **Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Project**

This grant was applied for back in January of 2023 through Public Management, Inc. (Jake McAdams). The CDBG is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The city was awarded \$500,000 to be utilized on drainage, and street improvements, specifically on the south side of the Paluxy River. The CDBG requires a \$25,000 match from local funds. The project scope will include re-construction of a portion of Clay Street, Webster Street, and Third Street, complete with new curb and gutter. City Council approved ML Contracting as the contractor for the CDBG Street Improvements Project. Freeman-Millican, Inc. will be preparing the Notice of Award letter, as well as the Contract Documents. A pre-construction meeting was completed on April 24th. The project bid amount is much lower than originally what was anticipated. This allows the city to increase the scope of work in the area that has been environmentally cleared. The mobilization of equipment and materials has been postponed until the additional work is reviewed and approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The TDA approved the additional work on July 22, 2025. The associated construction and engineering change orders have also been approved. The contractor's surveyors have staked the right-of-way. Third, Clay, and Webster Streets have been milled and dry cement has been blended into the existing base and subgrade. The required compaction tests have been completed. *The construction of concrete curb and gutter is nearing completion. Next, the driveway approaches will be constructed. Weather permitting the pavement will be completed by January.*

- **Well Site No.2 Pump Station Improvements**

Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd have begun the design work for the pump station improvements at Well Site No.2. The improvements will allow continuous use of the groundwater well enabling the system to be much more reliable. Also, upon project completion, this project will allow operators to fill the standpipe at Well Site No.4 (Bryan Street) from two different groundwater sources, in the event of a well failure, or if a ground storage tank is taken out of service. I met with the electrical engineers at Well Site 2, on Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss proposed pump types, locations, and options for upgrading the electrical service to comply with the existing codes. A lot of things have changed since 1954, when the original water well was drilled. Now would be a great time to bring everything into compliance, not just the new equipment. This will increase the project cost. A geotechnical investigation was recently started at the jobsite. The field work was completed in late February. We are expecting the written report with conclusions and recommendations of the investigation. **The engineers submitted the plans and specifications to TCEQ for review and possible comments on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The TCEQ review process usually takes up to 60 days.**

- **TWDB EDAP Grant @ GR Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The TWDB has reviewed and approved the last phase of improvements to be completed at the wastewater treatment plant. The project is currently being advertised for bid acceptance, scheduled for opening on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Bids were opened and read aloud at City Hall on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>. The lowest apparent bidder was A&V Water at \$664,181.93. Once eHT have completed their review of the references provided by the contractor, a recommendation of award letter will be provided to the city, along with the bid tabulation. Currently, we are waiting for the bonds from the contractor. The contract documents have been executed. **A preconstruction meeting was completed on April 30<sup>th</sup>. A Notice to Proceed letter has been issued to A&V Water. A & V Water began construction the week of July 7-11.**

- **N.E. Barnard Street Sidewalk Project**

P.E. Carlos Aguilar from Freeman-Millican, Inc. provided a contract for engineering services for the N.E. Barnard Street sidewalk project (Grace St. to Big Rocks Park). The contract has since been executed, and the project area has been surveyed by Freeman-Millican, Inc. on May 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. I met with Carlos Aguilar on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the sidewalk plans that were provided. Sidewalk easements will be needed for several properties. The easement surveys, and exhibits have been completed by Freeman Millican, Inc. The easement documents have been completed by the attorney, and are ready to be presented

to the property owners. Once the property owners have signed the agreements, the documents will be filed with Somervell County. The job will then be advertised for bid acceptance. This project has been awarded to ML Contracting. A Notice of Award letter has been issued, and the contract documents have been executed. All of the needed sidewalk easements have been obtained. The contractor began construction the week of July 7. The handrailing has been constructed and installed at the two drainage crossings. The cleanup, backfill, sodding has been completed. **The engineer is working with TxDOT to resolve a possible Change-Order to eliminate additional concrete curb near the east end of the project. TxDOT has approved and permitted the construction of 5 additional concrete driveway approaches along the N.E. Barnard Street sidewalk project. The additional work will improve the project and still remain within the original budget.**

- **Glen Hotel Project**

**A walk through of the existing building was performed by Bureau Veritas on Oct.13<sup>th</sup>. The primary goal of the inspection was to formulate a solid plan for fire safety. Because this building is a historic building there are some different rules that apply. Once the Fire Marshall is comfortable and in agreement with a construction plan, the architect will incorporate any changes into the construction drawings and resubmit for plan review.**

**FYI...**

- **10-20 Attended the construction status meeting for the Community Development Block Grant pavement and drainage improvements project (Third St., Clay St., Webster St., and a portion of Second St.)**
- **10-21 Met with Tony Gosdin to discuss possible property acquisition**
- **10-22 Met with David Lebron, and Lawrence Crow (Bureau Veritas) to discuss the Glen Hotel Project plan review and fire safety**
- **Scheduled a quarterly meeting with TxDOT Area Engineer for 9am, 12/16/2025 at City Hall.**
- **10-28 Attended a meeting hosted by Traci and the Christmas Decorations Committee**
- **10-28 Attended a construction status meeting for the Lane Building Project**
- **10-29 Attended the Annual TML Conference**
- **11-3 Attended the construction status meeting for the Community Development Block Grant streets and drainage improvements project (Third St., Clay St., Webster St., and a portion of Second St.)**
- **11-3 Submitted the Monthly Water Use Report to Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District**
- **11-7 Attended a pre-development meeting for possible Glen Rose Townhome Project**

- 11-10 Interviewed and hired Logan Quintero for Public Works. He will begin work on Dec.1 \
- 11-14 Attended virtual meeting with TxDOT Ft Worth Transportation Master Plan Rural Work Group
- 11-17 CDBG Construction Status Meeting
- 11-18 Presentation for Leadership Glen Rose
- 11-18 Attended a Sheriff-led School Safety Meeting at Somervell County Annex
- 11-19 Attended Lane Building Construction Status Meeting
- 11-20 Attended Special Meeting at Somervell County Water District to listen to update from SCWD about possible Sailfish investors annexation plan.
- 11-21 Attended pre-development meeting with David Lebron, Fire Marshall Brad Smith, and representatives from Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church
- 11-24 Attended meeting with Kevin Taylor to discuss the SCWD Surface Water Master Plan