

## Public Works Report

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Hello Stevenson Councilmembers,

I Wanted to provide you with an update of the Public Works Department, I find this easiest to break Public Works into 6-8 groups, depending on the update. Below you find my notes from each section, thank you for your time.

### **Water**

- Long Term Water Supply Phase 1A is wrapped up, Grayling shared their findings with City Staff. The report narrowed down a few of the finalist options of long term water supply for Stevenson, both surface and groundwater options are present. Grayling will be working on phase 1B, which will further outline the cost associated with both ground and surface water.
- Cascade Water and Sewer line replacement is undergoing, we had a pre-application meeting this week with Swafford and Grayling. Work is expected to start in early September, and be wrapped up at the end of October.

### **Wastewater**

- Pump station project is wrapping up, AJAX sent final paperwork to Wallis and Wallis is working on close out. City staff are working on transferring the construction loan to USDA low interest loan.
- WWTP pump has been reinstalled by Stellar J and Holstrom, final walkthrough it complete. Closeout is moving forward.
- Given that we have so much new infrastructure, and new staff I have been in communication with Ron Moeller to provide some training and support. The City has contracted with Ron in the past and the crews were able to learn a lot about wastewater from him. In this new role, Ron will provide multiple training sessions focused on our specific plant, and how to manage the new features. He will also be on-call support for the crews to bounce questions off of. One of the tasks Ron fulfilled for us with his last contract was an operator handbook specifically about the Stevenson WWTP, Ron will also be editing this handbook to reflect all the new infrastructure that was gained from the upgrade.

## **Streets**

- Lasher - By the time of the council meeting we should have the 90% plans in hand for the City to review, we received notice that some of our state funding had been cut for the project. Ben was able to apply for another grant this week, we should hear back in November. We are also discussing options to keep the project moving forward despite the loss of some funding.
- Middle Russell Restriping, I am currently working on sourcing a striping company that will come in and grind all of the current lines and repaint to the new design. The new design will keep parking Tee's on the West side of the road, and 45 degree parking on the East. This project will reduce Russell down to one lane, and add additional parking spaces to our downtown area.
- The County worked on paving of Ash Alley, Seymour and Railroad this last week, the City was able to coordinate with business owners and residents to keep interruptions to a minimum. This gave all 3 road systems much needed repair that should last the City for years to come.

## **Equipment**

- After the WWTP upgrades the PW staff was left with two generators, one from the old Kanaka Creek Lift Station and the other was used to power the Treatment Plant. It has been determined neither of these generators are able to be used by PW staff, therefore these items have been sent to auction.
- The PW department is in the market for a used fleet vehicle, we are trying to procure a vehicle for our new WWTP operator. We are able to procure within our budget, and the auction of the generators will help fund the purchase as well.

## **Parks**

- Bark dust/Mulch has been scheduled to spray in the 1st and 2nd street flower beds, as well as part of Walnut park.

## **Staff**

- We have filled our vacant Wastewater operator position, Clay Bond started with us in early August. Clay brings us vast experience in all fields of construction, pump maintenance, preventative maintenance, troubleshooting and much more. While new to Wastewater, Clay has hit the ground running with a desire and eagerness to learn as much as possible.
- We have slightly re-organized the PW field staff, the Wastewater department now falls under Jonathon Dexter, our Public Works Field Supervisor. This structure aligns with

how the PW field operated in the past, and leaves the WWTP and staff in the very capable hands of Jonathon.

- Speaking of Jonathon, Jon was able to take and pass his WWTPO 2 test and gain his level 2 certification, on his first try non the less! This is a very difficult test, sometimes taking operators 5+ times to pass. Great job Jon!