

Capital Projects Updates

Water system project: This project is progressing very well. The contractor is installing new lines along Second street now and will most likely have all the pipe installed around Thanksgiving. This will leave testing and the final connections to the existing system to complete. For the most part the contractor has done a great job working with the business world to prevent extended obstructions to the property. There has been a few complaints about dirt and mud but nothing that the contractor did not address when he was made aware of it.

Wastewater Project: Matula is almost to Silverleaf installing new lines. In the past few days due to equipment problems, they have gone back to the areas that have been completed and cleaned up everything they possibly could.

We did receive an extension from the GLO on this project that will allow the completion date to more closely match the contract with Matula. The original GLO contract was March of 2025. The extension allows us to finish the project and close it out by February 2026. I believe the construction is to be finished by August 2025.

Gas Project: Public Works has caught up on a some projects that we needed to complete before starting construction on the gas lines. Our plan is to start installing pipe next week.

I am still a little concerned about being able to totally commit staff to this project on a full time basis. We have 2 weeks of RailRoad Commissions audits scheduled in December that will prevent any progress during that time. We will push as hard as we can to get things completed.

Computer Software Updates: We are still on target to start our Software conversion shortly after the first of the year. This will be a phased in project that will take approximately 90 days to complete.

Phone System Internet: B-Tel has surveyed all of our buildings and the equipment has been ordered. Phone service will come on line first in January and the Fiber run to connect all our buildings together will be installed and completed with internet upgrades by the end of March. They are working with our IT people and all involved to make this a smooth transition.