

## **Council Project Status Reports**

**Main Street Water:** This project is substantially complete. We had a walk through schedule for June 12 at 10:00 for the development of a punch list to address any incomplete items. That meeting will be rescheduled due to the rain at the time of the meeting schedule.

**Avenue A Sewer/Water project:** Progress is a little slow due weather and having to perform well point operations to control ground water. The plan is to have a second crew come in and start the water line replacement that is tied to this project now that they have passed the point of interference with the 2 job portions. This should allow the total project to stay on schedule for final completion of September.

**Animal Shelter:** The dirt pad for the foundation has been built and the building is scheduled to be delivered by the time of the Council Meeting. Assembly should take place within a week of delivery. Once assembly is completed the concrete will pour inside with floor drains being added that were not in the original plans. We will still be close on budget for a dried in building and electrical. The \$50,000 will not cover the kennels needed for the animals.

**Natural Gas compliance:** We have received notice of a \$5000.00 for failure to complete the installation of 8% of the distribution system by December 31, 2024. While we did manage to find the money to obtain the materials for the 8% we did not get it installed. Efforts have been made to track every component that we change including meters to apply towards the replacement. As I have stated before the idea of trying to complete this in house will be almost impossible with our staff. We were already working on pricing from another contractor different from the original two we got in November. The cost at today's price is \$175,000 to install the material we

have with our staff hooking up to the meters as the services are placed next to the old meter set.

We have also participated in Operator training this week with 2 of our employees and some City of Brazoria staff with the 2 cities sharing the cost. This training is part of our annual requirements and also allowed the staff to participate in hands on events to make sure they truly understand proper procedures and safety in Natural Gas operations. The instructor was a retired pipeline operator from Navasota with almost 50 years experience.

I am also continuing efforts to fully update our operations, Maintenance, and emergency manual.

**New Subdivision and Annexation:** I have been in contact with Doug Kirk and also Baker and Lawson Engineers as we continue to study our Utility availability and also potential areas of connections to serve the proposed location on the North end of town. We will continue our discussions and hopefully have a presentation in the near future to get this project started for the building of additional rooftops in our community.

**Water Well Treatment:** All four wells have been treated using the Bicarb method that was approved in the last council meeting. The results on 3 of 4 wells improved dramatically. The Travis Street well did show some improvement but is not at the level we would like see yet.

The process of obtaining TCEQ approval for permanent use of this process has started and once approved we will start treating the distribution system

Our staff has already started looking at the Water plant to get an idea of what piping may be needed to inject this product and also correct some piping issues in the chlorine feed that is having to be repaired routinely due to leaks in the process lines.

**Drainage:** I have been working with Brazoria County and the Drainage district on ideas to improve drainage throughout town. This week the County removed the drainage pipes on East Ashley Wilson Road under the Hilcorp pipelines. These culverts were almost totally collapsed and were prevent water from draining correctly. At this time there are no plans to replace them. The idea is leave it as an open ditch.

Railroad authorities were in town Memorial day and met with local officials about drainage issues in their right of ways. I do not know what has happened in the past, but there was not a positive feeling from the railroad towards Sweeny. I let them know this is a total new administration and we want to work together as a team not enemies.

They have given tentative agreement pending approval from Omaha to clean the trees out of the ditches along the tracts from FM 524 to County road 321.

This project will also address issues with existing culverts and ditch elevations.