

Major Projects Report

July

Avenue A project: The recent rains has slowed this project down some. During recent construction meetings, we have had several comment about possibly not finishing on schedule of late August early September. The Contractor has been advised that outside of possible rain delay days, there is no extensions allowed in the contract. They were also reminded that they chose the delay of starting the project so that they could finish another project before starting this one. The plan is still to bring in a second crew to work on the water line part while this crew finishes the sewer lines.

Main Street Water Project: This project is complete and ready for final payment, The punch list was completed. There are a couple of warranty issues that will need to addressed but do not affect the project itself. The warranty issues basically are a couple of road patches that are still settling due the lateness of those excavations. The warranty is for one year and we will get these issues addressed soon.

Gas Updates: I informed you in a weekly update that we will most likely receive a fine from the Railroad Commission based off of the 8% replacement program. Since the last meeting with discussion of possibly selling the system or borrowing the money to do a complete upgrade, we have been looking at avenues of the rebuild program. While I still believe the project can be completed for less than the \$21,000,000 that Linsay was trying to get a grant for, we are still looking at roughly \$800,000 in materials and \$2,500,000 in construction without any engineering. The gas rates have not been changed in over 10 years for a minimum bill and only adjusted based off of what we are charged monthly. I am not sure the way do the adjustment is correct as it may be costing us money in the end also. It is hard to explain my analogy in writing.

Meeting Room At Community Center: We have just about finished cleaning and making adjustments to the meeting room at the Community Center. The ac has been fixed in that room and table and chairs that were obtained from the hospital placed in there. The plan is primarily to be our Emergency Operation Center for emergencies and also utilize for or City board meetings to held there in place of the City Hall. We hope to have the phone connections moved into the room from the back storage area this week.