

City Administrator Notes

Council Meeting

3/21/2022

Water & Wastewater Department:

- Lead Line Inventory – We are putting a project together to do a complete inventory of all water service lines within the City of Lamar. Lead line inventory deadline is October 2024.

Electrical Department:

- 20th Street Line Upgrade Project: Finley Engineering is reviewing bids received and timelines for determining award of contract. Project is estimated for the end of March.
- Gauscor #3 engine repairs are scheduled for end of March. Waiting for technician availability. Estimated repairs: \$30,154
- Preliminary discussion with MPUA on Virtual Ownership of Methane Generation Facility.
- Trimming trees along power lines.
- Open position (2)

Street Department:

- Snow and ice removal continues with each weather event.
- Bidding for fiscal year 2022/2023 asphalt overlay project.

Water Plant:

- Damage to the well house occurred on Thursday, March 10th. An 8” cast iron elbow was blown-off during a pressure test of the well being conducted by Midwest Hydro. Sprouls was on-site to schedule the repairs. Electrical components were sprayed with water and are being evaluated. DNR was immediately made aware of the situation. Awaiting a plan from the contractor.
- Current well expenditures: \$956,819.75

Sanitation:

- Republic Services is currently reviewing contract for Solid Waste Disposal.
- Revisions to Chapter 38 Sanitation
- Open position (1)

Parks & Rec:

- Park staff is working on preparations for spring planting and mowing.
- Advertising for summer help at the park.
- Ordering fish for Lake.

New City Hall:

- Exterior work is on-going.
- Replacement window delivery date is currently unknown.
- Ordering of materials for interior is on-going.

Review of updated franchise agreement with Spire Energy

KAMO increase will take affect in May. Estimated impact to the city is \$200,000 annually.

First USE TAX payment was received. \$1,504.46 was received for the month of February 2022.

MODOT has inquired about adding the Maintenance Barn located at SE 1st Lane to the city's sanitary sewer.