**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**8/6/25**

**WATER:**

* **Bidding for the Wiley Springs Rehabilitation Project opened on the 9th of July. We hosted a mandatory, pre-bid meeting on July 22nd, followed by a visit to the spring with seven, interested contractors. Three, sealed bids were accepted until August 5th, at 1:00 PM, where they were publicly opened and read aloud. The bids are currently being reviewed by Town Attorney Nerlin, me, and SGM Engineering. Following review, a recommendation will be made to the Town Board at the August 11th meeting; followed by a vote by the board to award the bid to one of the proposals.**

**The Tank Project Loan was officially executed by the Town of Crawford and the Water and Power Authority Board on July 31st. The new, revised timeline for the tank construction, as provided by Steve LaBonde with Westwater Engineering is as follows:**

* Submittal of Plans and Specifications and Basis of Design Report (BDR) to CDPHE:  November 15, 2025
* CDPHE Approval of Plans and Specifications, and BDR: February 1, 2026
* Advertisement for Bids (Bid Release Date):  February 15, 2026
* Bid Opening (Bid Closing Date): March 31, 2026
* Construction Contract Award:  April 13, 2026 – Coincides with Council Meeting Date (i.e., April 13, 2026)
* Construction Start Date:  May 1 - May 31, 2026 (Contingent on Contractor)
* Construction Completion Date:  November 15, 2026

This tentative schedule was developed somewhat conservatively for summer construction to ensure we can meet welding and coating/painting temperature requirements.

* **Water flows from the spring have dropped over the last month; we are sending just over 100,000 gallons of water a day into town; with the Town’s portion of the spring producing close to 130,000 gallons a day. So far, I have not had any trouble keeping the two water tanks full. August is typically the highest water demand month of the year so my hope is that we make it through August, and with conservation measures in place in September, enter the spring construction with two, full, water tanks.**
* **While reading water meters at the end of last month, Al and I paid close attention to every meter to check for any potential water leaks. We have five small water service leaks to repair, not including a call out last Saturday morning for a significant water leak that we quickly repaired.**
* **I am continuing to work to provide information about the upcoming spring rehabilitation project. I made an appearance at the School and Crawford State Park to discuss the project and develop strategies for conserving water with two of our larger water users. I appreciate how important the school and state park are to Crawford and their cooperation that will be essential during the spring construction.**

**WASTEWATER:**

* **Effluent water quality at the lagoons continues to meet regulatory standards but water quality of our discharged water has begun to suffer due to the duckweed on our final, settling pond at the lagoons. The small aeration pump that Al and I installed was helpful but we will still need to start manually removing duckweed from the polishing pond to ensure our permit standards will be met.**

**GENERAL:**

* **We had a pretty heavy rain and hail storm on the first day of August. It made a bit of a mess but much less than it could have been. Al and I will work to clean culverts and sweep gravel off streets as we can.**
* **Al is continuing to prep and paint the windows at Town Hall. When he is finished he has a plan and materials to improve the entryways on the upstairs of the building.**
* **One of the posts on the marquee at Pioneer Park has rotted and we have purchased steel posts to replace the wooden ones. After we remove the sign and posts, we plan to fabricate the new sign at the shop and re-install when it is finished. We will work on this as we can, but will be focusing our efforts on repairing leaks first.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AS ALWAYS, I’M JUST A SHORT WALK OR A PHONE CALL AWAY.**

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