

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

### **OCTOBER 3, 2016**

This note will be a brief update on several ongoing projects. This type of communication seems to have been well-received over recent months. Work on all projects has been ongoing although this recent period has not yielded many major tangible advances in the projects.

#### **Project Pele (Soccer Fields at High School)**

Engineering work including topographic surveys, soil testing and design itself. This work should be complete near year-end. This first stage will be the grading, “dirt work” on all the fields. Most of this work will be bid and contracted. You may have noticed the City has filled the Lake on the adjoining property using clean fill from the Admin Building at Kemper and other construction debris. There are two structures in this same area, which will be demolished soon.

Once the grading is completed, the next stage will be the internal systems to include extending water, electrical conduits, drainage structures and sidewalk trails. The final step will be the field surfaces themselves. This will extend into 2018.

#### **Hail Ridge**

Closing on the purchase of the golf course will occur around November 1<sup>st</sup>. The course will close to play at that time until early 2017. The City intends to do a major “cleanup” of the property at that time followed by a number of improvements over time thereafter.

The City issued an RFP (Request for Proposals) to operate/lease the course going forward. Those respondees were reduced to three. One of these was eliminated during initial interviews. The city is currently negotiating with one finalist in effort to arrive at a mutually agreeable contract.

#### **Animal Shelter**

The citizen committee has been active. The current focus is on the site and specific layout and design of the new shelter building. The committee will also continue fund raising when a more precise estimated cost can be determined based on the new design.

The City is also finalizing a new financial plan which will include the shelter as well as the number of other projects including those mentioned herein. 2018 will be a good projection for the start of construction on the shelter.

#### **Other Projects**

The City has finished the new sewer force main project along Water, Rural, and Morgan Streets. It was an efficient project financially. An associated project is the new

overflow basin at the Wastewater Project, which will be bid soon. It will capture excess flow coming to the plant caused by heavy rainfall.

The UV System at the Water Plant is nearing completion. The contractor has been delayed, consequently the City will not meet the October 1 deadlines to complete the project. This will result in a violation notice from DNR. However, the project will likely be completed by the time you read this.

The annual street work is also nearing completion with slurry seals ongoing and South Street improvements remaining.

Thank you for your interest and time in reading this report. We will communicate again in the future.

Mayor Julie Thacher  
And The Entire City Council