

To: City Council

Date: April 24, 2015

From: Tex Bradford

Re: PW Quarterly Report

During the first quarter PW has taken delivery of three fleet vehicle replacements that were budgeted for 2015. We have replaced an old dozer /crawler with a new used dozer and although it has had light use to date it is a great improvement over the 70's model we traded. We also took delivery of a new street sweeper that replaces a 90's model sweeper. The new sweeper has been on the streets during regularly scheduled work hours since delivery and is working as expected. Our crews have used the new sweeper and an early 2,000's sweeper that is still operational in order to get a "jump" on the spring street cleanup. All of our routes have been swept, some more than once, and we are now only using the new sweeper for normal sweeping routes. We recently took delivery on a pickup/plow replacement vehicle. We will rotate two older pickups out of the fleet rentals and put them up for bid in the near future as we rearranged the fleet vehicle use to some degree.

A number of pot holes have been patched since the snow melt using cold patch material as that is all we have available this time of year. We will continue as needed therefore if you see pot holes please give PW a call at 970-641-8020 and we will get them patched. When hot mix asphalt is available we will make further more permanent (at least somewhat permanent) repairs as needed.

Street improvements projects are underway with preliminary surveying and etc. being performed by the city engineer and a surveyor. United Companies plans to begin construction in early May and hopes to complete all projects by late May to mid-June if the weather and other conditions allow.

Crack Seal and slurry seal bids have been received and staff will present the results to council at the May 5th work session with recommendations.

A few water leaks are showing up and are being repaired as they do so. Well and well house improvements continue and automated read water meters are being installed. Irrigation ditch cleaning is underway in preparation for the head gates to be opened on May 4th. We expect water to be throughout the ditch system by the end of the week of May 4th.

Some 25 year plus direct buried high voltage electric cables are being replaced by the electric crew in a couple of locations and as time allows tree trimming around power lines is being performed prior to leaves being in full bloom. Trimming will continue throughout the year as required.

Other projects in all PW departments are in one stage of development or the other and will move forward as schedules allow. All continue with the never ending normal maintenance requirements.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me.