

# Highfill Waterworks

Town Council Update – January 12, 2010

- Still working with Silver Meadows as they lay and connect sewer lines. Weather has stopped their work.
- Fayetteville Mechanical has almost finished installing the water mains at the new Children's Shelter. As soon as it warms up enough, they will complete their work and we will begin the testing phase.
- Northwest Excavation Company has almost completed the sewer line installation as well. The freezing weather has halted progress but it will not take them long once it warms up.
- Still working with the airport to finalize contract renewal. We need to have the pending rate re-structure ordinance in place so we have the backing to implement the customer charge, which they have never had. All other customers pay this fee but it was not in their original contract.
- If you will remember, back in the spring of last year, Centerton approached us requesting we sell them a portion of our lines that run along Hwy. 102 that sets in their city limits. This was going to be beneficial for both cities.
  1. Since all the lines are dead end, both of us would not have to flush as much saving money and time.
  2. All their lines come up to our area and dead end as well so they could loop their lines.
  3. We would have a second feed location for our system in the event of an emergency.
    - We tentatively agreed, pending approval from the state regulatory agencies. They have finally responded giving their approval. They are requiring us to put the proceeds, \$103,490.08, towards one of our loans. Our intention is to put it towards the note which is coming due in 2013. That loan is \$123,600.00 which would leave a remaining balance of \$20,109.92 to be paid once the loan matures in 2013. We have drafted a letter to respond to the state pending your final approval. (See attached) I will also get all the information needed by our attorney to make it official.
- On another loan issue, we will be having a deferred loan maturing in December 2011. Since we make our payments monthly, we will need to start paying for it in January of 2011. There is a possibility, given the current state of the economy, we could ask ANRC to defer the loan for another 3 – 5 years giving us time to bring more sewer customers online. If you are interested in perusing this avenue, please let me know at the council meeting and I will take it from there.
- There is some new legislation coming down from Washington you should be aware of. It has not passed the house and senate yet, but when it does and it looks like it's going to, the Dept. of Homeland Security and EPA will be requiring new security measure for all water and wastewater utilities. Some of the new requirements include fire hydrant locks, security lights and possible video surveillance of all facilities, and the requirement for a secondary source of water. These are the main parts, but there may be some more stipulations before it's completed.
- Finally, I have attached three bids we have received from local dealers on the compact tractor. We can discuss this further at the meeting.