

Highfill Waterworks

Town Council Update – May 11, 2010

- Silver Meadows is currently on hold. Trying to finish phase 1.
- Still working on the Highfill to Centerton service area sale. Rural Development had a few questions. We were able to resolve all their concerns. Should have everything wrapped up by next council meeting. I have sent effected citizens a letter explaining what is going on. *See Attached.*
- Rural Development came for a site visit on Friday the 7th. Included in this visit was a Compliance Survey and a Security Survey. Everything was OK with no findings. I also took the time to verify everything was clear on the Centerton sale.
- Repaired two hydrants in the city that were out of service.
- If you will remember, we have had a motor go out on one of the pumps at the sewer plant. It was covered under warranty so we will not be out that money. Once it comes back in, I am going to pull the others to see if we are having the same issue with them before they go out of warranty.
- We still have the two ordinances expanding the number of board members to serve on the water and sewer boards. They will be coming up for the second reading this month.
- On Friday the 30th, our water tower was hit by lightning. Our Transducer, which tells our pumps when to run, was knocked out by the strike. A new one runs \$1000. We have already replaced the transducer once since I have been here and twice before that. I attended the annual Water/Wastewater Manager's conference this past weekend and found an alternative source/brand that will work for us, which includes surge suppression, for half the price. It has been ordered and will be shipped this week. We are running the pumps manually until we can change it out.
- As part of our Bond Agreement with ANRC on the sewer system, we were required to put \$25,000 towards the project. At the end of the project, we asked and were granted the ability to do this as a road bore to cross and get to the south side of Hwy 12 at a later date. Our intention was to wait until the First Baptist Church started their construction so we could put it off as long as possible. That day is here. We were expecting to pay \$25,000 for a single road bore at the prices at that time. However, since then prices have fallen and we are able to get much more for our dollar now. I have gotten bids and prices for materials and have put together some information for your consideration. At today's prices, with us doing the work ourselves, I am projecting we can do the whole "old downtown" area for \$25,000. I will have maps, prices and more information at the council meeting.
- Finally, next month the water board and myself will be working on the 2011 Water/Wastewater Budget and will have it ready for you consideration.