

Highfill Waterworks

Town Council Update – September 14, 2010

- Silver Meadows has completed all of their testing for phase one's completion. We have been pressure testing the remaining lines in the sub-division. The crews have also started laying the remaining sewer lines for completion of phase two.
- The Children's Shelter is proceeding along. Rob and I are continually performing inspections as sections are ready.
- Backflow testing has been completed. We currently have 33 active devices in our system.
- Water usage last month, 7.4 million gallons purchased, was the highest since the drought of 2007. Sales were the highest ever. Again this month, our usage and sales were the highest we have ever had. I did not have the sales numbers at the time of this report, but we purchased 10.2 million gallons. I am reading meters on Friday the 10th and will have the sales numbers by the council meeting. (See enclosed usage comparison chart.)
- If you will remember back to a couple of years ago, we were issued a Consent Order from the Arkansas Department of Health for our high test results of Total Trihalomethanes. As a result of the high levels of TTHM's, we were directed in the Consent Order to put into place a plan of action to get our Running Annual Average (RAA) levels back down below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 80 parts per million (ppm) and hold it there for a year. We worked with our engineers and designed the water tower re-circulation system. It has been running now for over a year and the results have been great.
 - This is a major problem being seen all over, not only the state but the country. I saw a report on the news just last week about all the Oklahoma water systems now being hit with this. It just happened to hit us early because, among other things, our usage has been very low.
 - Last week we received our latest quarterly TTHM results. They were below the MCL of 80ppm for yearly RAA. (See enclosed a chart showing our progress.) The Health Department was very surprised that our levels were so low in the third quarter with it being so hot. Usually, everyone's levels in the third quarter are really high. They are in the process of issuing a letter releasing us from the Consent Order.
 - At this year's Water/Wastewater Conference in Hot Springs, our system was featured for our innovative methods for eliminating TTHM's by the Arkansas Department of Health. They covered our re-circulation system as well as some of our procedures we have in place for the management of water retention.