



**From:** Jim Morris, City Administrator  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**CC:** Department Heads  
**RE:** City Projects and Activity Status Report

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The following information reflects the current status of ongoing, city projects and other activity of significant interest. I am available at your convenience to discuss any and/or all projects and answer questions regarding the information provided.

**REPORT FOR: March 2007**

**PROJECT: State Funded Sewer System Improvements.**

- Phase II in the planning & construction phase.
- Haskell is the Construction Manager for the Chipley Phase II Project. They are currently in the process of obtaining FDEP approval and will then proceed with issuing subcontracts to the selected vendors.
- PM selected for work plan.
- Construction being performed in various areas of town. Contractor installing approximately 1200' per day.
- As of January 11, 2007, 27,000 lf of mainline, 270 laterals, and 5000 lf of lateral piping have been replaced and tested.
- Approximately 95% of pipe-bursting operations complete.
- BDI furnished roadway construction drawings to Haskell.
- Paving bid tabulation complete with the apparent low bid going to APAC.
- Paving scheduled for early June.
- New manhole installation is approximately 30% complete. (110 ± manholes)

**PROJECT: Stormwater Drainage 5<sup>th</sup> Street.** *No change since last report.*

- This project is intended to address flood-prone conditions at the intersection of Old Bonifay Road and 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- We are working towards acquiring FEMA funds to engineer and build out this project.
- 90% Completion Plans have been submitted to DEP.
- FEMA has awarded the city a \$30,000 contract to do a feasibility study for this project. This requires a 25% match.
- The City has some fairly good verbal assurance that we can make this project work. We will move forward.
- The Feasibility Study has been completed and based on the benefit cost ratio the engineers feel the project is a cost effective mitigation measure
- FEMA has requested additional information and traffic counts to be conducted for this project. (Information has been in for several months)

**PROJECT: Emergency Well Grant.**

- City has applied for an emergency grant for a new 600 gpm well to be located on old Roulhac School property.
- Land transfer is completed.
- Check presentation was rescheduled for a future date due to Hurricane Ivan.
- Water well is in the design phase.
- Florida Water Management District and Department of Environmental Protection have approved applications for the well.
- Received Bids on Feb. 3, 2006.
- Bid awarded to Lane Christianson contingent upon Rural Development approval.
- Everything has been approved and construction should begin soon.
- Have encountered drilling problems. Engineers are working on this situation.
- Contractor authorized by city to install a 24” intermediate casing and drive up to 120’ of 24” casing.
- Installed 70’ of 24” intermediate casing and grouted and installed 120’ of 16” casing.
- Approval for gravel pack has been authorized.
- Gravel pack has been completed.
- Drawdown test performed with a yield of 902 gpm.
- Building scheduled for construction this month.

**PROJECT: New Water Tank.**

- The Tank is on-line. There are pressure problems, related to elevation; the engineers are working on this.
- Met with Hatch Mott to discuss solutions. Hatch Mott along with city staff are investigating and will report back in 45 days.
- Public Works coordinated with Hatch Mott to verify water line sizes for remodeling of the water system.
- Public Works Dept. provided the requested information to Hatch Mott March 8, 2007.
- Hatch Mott recommending installing an electric valve and upgrading SCADA System to eliminate elevation differences.

**PROJECT: FDOT Library Sidewalk Project (Phase III)**

- This project is for sidewalk placement along U.S. 90, Hoyt St., and West Blvd.
- This project will need to be phased as funds become available.
- Available funds are \$77,000.00.
- Plans and Specs being reviewed by FDOT for approval.
- Applied for DEP Storm-water Permit
- Notice To Proceed issued by FDOT.

**PROJECT: Wastewater Lift Station Improvements**

- Advertising for qualified design-build firm.
- Improvements to be made for Wal-Mart Lift Station, manhole, force main and associated line work.
- Available OTED funds are \$412,000.00.
- Sewer force main work to begin the beginning of November.
- Sewer force main work around Shoe Show is complete.
- Lift Station in the design phase.
- Permits have been sent to FDEP for review and approval.
- Surveying and easement documents have been sent to Wal-Mart for approval.

**PROJECT: Old City Library Historical Preservation Grant. *No change since last report.***

- Advertising for Architectural Services. Advertisement closes September 8, 2006. Scoring of Architectural Firms to be completed in September.
- Scope of Project consists of: Installation of HVAC System; Upgrading restrooms for accessibility; restoration/repair of doors, stairs and floors; related architectural and engineering services including exploration of vertical accessibility options.
- Available funds are \$350,000.
- Selected Poly Engineering contingent upon state approval. Awaiting proposed contract from Poly.
- City Staff and citizen committee met with Poly Engineering to develop scope of work. Architect preparing drawings for committee review.
- Building design is complete. Currently performing materials review.
- Mechanical Engineers have visited site and are currently in the design phase.