



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

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: JULY 2007

PROJECT: State Funded Sewer System Improvements.

- Phase II in the planning & construction phase.
- Haskell is the Construction Manager for the Chipley Phase II, III, and IV Project.
- PM selected for work plan.
- Construction being performed in various areas of town.
- Approximately 100% 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 has been delayed and awaiting FDEP approval.
- New manhole installation is scheduled for completion by August 27, 2007. (287 ± manholes)
- Cured in place lines work complete.
- Phase III & IV qualifications were held on June 29, 2007 and are being reviewed.
- Asphalt patching scheduled to begin August 6, 2007.

PROJECT: Stormwater Drainage 5th Street. *No change since last report.*

- This project is intended to address flood-prone conditions at the intersection of Old Bonifay Road and 5th 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.
- Received Bids on Feb. 3, 2006.
- Bid awarded to Lane Christianson contingent upon Rural Development approval.
- 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.
- Drawdown test performed with a yield of 902 gpm.
- Construction on well house is approximately 70% complete.
- Contract time line for completion July 22, 2007. Engineer requested a written completion plan and schedule for revised contract schedule from the contractor again on July 19, 2007. Contractor has not provided a revised plan or schedule as of July 31, 2007.

PROJECT: New Water Tank. *No change since last report.*

- 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) *No change since last report.*

- 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 (Waiting on 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.
- Permits have been sent to FDEP for review and approval.
- IC contractors selected for work with a start date of July 19, 2007.
- Pre-con held on June 29, 2007.
- Force main efforts are scheduled for completion August 8, 2007.
- Lift Station efforts are scheduled to begin August 9, 2007.

PROJECT: Old City Library Historical Preservation Grant.

- 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.
- Poly expects to be substantially complete with engineering efforts by mid June.
- Plans and specifications were submitted to the state for review. There were minor comments by the state and corrections to the plans were made. The plans have been re-submitted to the state for approval. Advertising will begin upon state approval.