



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE 6/16/2020

CONSENT

AGENDA ITEM: Public Works Director Report

SUBMITTED BY: Marty Powers, Public Works Director

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

City Council is asked to review and accept, as part of Consent Agenda, a brief description of activities that have taken place in the Public Works Department in the month of May, 2020.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

PARKS

- Weekly garbage collection continues
- Improve Park ball fields by continuing weed control, dragging the infields and rolling VFW
- Trimmed trees and added mulch rings in Pebble, Tablyn, Sanctuary, Stonegate and Demontriville Parks
- Added mulch and boulders under Park signs at Sunfish, Vfw, Tablyn, Stonegate & Hammes Parks
- Public Works staff Installed/improved the drain tile system in the Easton Development Park
- Mow and Schedule Inwood Development Park installation
- Remove all "No Biking" signs in Sunfish
- Sunfish Lake Park new bike trail construction began
- Replace broken playground borders in Tablyn and Stonegate Parks
- Begin replacing failing picnic table boards
- Continue with weed control in playgrounds
- Repair Vandalism(ruts) in Demontriville Park
- Remove Graffiti in Tablyn Park
- Replace more basketball nets and repaired vandalized Pebble Park soccer net goal frame
- Install "Park Equipment NOT Sanitized" signs through-out City parks as directed by LMC insurance
- Spring Fertilize and Weed control completed on City Park and Facility lawns
- Attended Sunfish Buckthorn removal meeting
- Received playground safety chips, will install in several parks as time allows
- Continue to work with volunteer to update & improve trail signage for the Sunfish Park trails

SURFACE WATER

- Flooding concerns continue, staff restocked the sand and bags for residents
- Repair failing surface water asphalt swale on Legion Ave
- Continued completing MS4 annual report
- Jetted/cleaned several culverts and storm drains as issues are identified with the rising flood waters

STREETS

- Staff have been concentrated on filling potholes on City streets that will be crack filled and seal coated this summer
- Put remaining plows and sanders in storage for the season
- Grade Klondike and Manning gravel roads
- Complete plow damage lawn repair
- Continue tree trimming in ROWs and attending to downed trees after winds
- Place radar trailer on Stillwater Way for one week
- Work with engineering to identify streets needing crack fill and seal coating
- Staff worked on weed control in accepted 5th street medians
- Inspected sections of the 5th street irrigation system for acceptance
- Attended Precons

SEWER

- Continue daily rounds for preventive measures, compare pump run times and resolve alarms
- Continue Weekly Proactive Pump downs of all Lift stations, Monthly Float Cleaning and Wash downs of select lift stations with grease build up
- Complete annual generator inspections and maintenance- no issues found
- Completed annual SCADA checks
- Continue on-going SCADA improvements
- Resolve transducer failure at 94 lift station after hours
- Replace failed UPC at Keats Lift station
- Attended to issues at lift stations and wells during a city wide power fail 5/27/2020

WATER

- Complete monthly MDH bacteria and fluoride sampling & reports
- Complete Monthly Generator and Safety Inspections of Equipment and Facilities
- Continue daily rounds, chlorine/fluoride sampling and locates
- Complete Spring hydrant flushing
- Continue dropping off new construction meters
- Resolve remaining missing meter paper work
- Complete hydrant flow test for new construction
- Submit water plan certificate to DNR and Met Council
- Submit well water draw down reports to DNR
- Continue Installing meters and turning on water for seasonal irrigation systems

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- Assist with water service leak repairs on Lower 8th st and another on Lake Elmo Ave
- Repair leaking shower/eye wash station and chlorine booster pump in well 4
- Begin repairing fire hydrants identified in spring flushing program
- MDH sampled for water contaminants at wells 2 and 4, no issues found
- Repaired multiple broken gate valve boxes and curb stops that have been on our to-do list
- Continue to improve record keeping of all irrigation systems in the City

FACILITIES

- Continue city facility roof repairs.
- Continue to Lower and Raise flags for Governor ordered half-staff events
- Organize council chambers for Covid distancing

RIOT ASSISTANCE

- Washington County Sheriff's Department utilized Lake Elmo Public Works facility one afternoon as a staging location before dealing with RIOTS
- Oakdale Public Works asked for mutual assistance with barricades but did not end up needing them

PANDEMIC PREPARDNESS

- The Public Works crew continues to work in two teams out of two locations minimizing the sharing of equipment and tools
- Additional cleaning supplies, rubber gloves and face masks have been provided
- Play grounds and parks are open
- All staff trainings are postponed

RECOMMENDATION:

Base on the activities listed above, City Council is respectfully asked to accept the May 2020 Public Works Report.