

05/08/2018 Water/Sewer/Public Works Meeting

Call to order and welcoming by Eddie Jackson

Joyce Jacks states if your water smells bad and looks like mud to please call Derrick Williams of the EPA/EPD and they will personally come and test the water they take at the State lab.

Dwight McCormic: we need to know the problem and fix it. We want the address of the issues. The problems could be in the homes due to old pipes in older houses. Dwight wants to see us work together to find the issues and fix the issues.

Water pressure issues complaints according to Jordon could be due to pressure regulators going out. Dwight suggest speaking with your neighbor to see if they are having issues also.

Mike Gentry is concerned with the pressure of the fire hydrants from a safety concern. Dwight and Eddie, explain that Barrow County recently checked the hydrants and that the color of the top represents the pressure of that particular hydrant. Mike Gentry says he will volunteer his time and expertise in conducting tests on this also. Dwight replies that it is great knowing of others talents and appreciates community involvement.

Tammy Crawley stated that after the EPA came out to her residence someone came and flushed the hydrants and changed the cap color on the one near her house. Mike Gentry offered to come and check if she wanted.

Gail Steed says she has never had trouble at her home and thinks too, that it is older pipes in houses, or that the algae bloom could be the cause. States also, that the water dept is doing a great job.

Others complained of a chlorine smell and discolored water. Jordon explains that it could be the PH balance, hard water and/or hot water heaters. Someone speaks up to ask that Robert Bridges Park be changed to Kelly Pickens Park. Jordon states the water has a Ph is 6.9-7.2 when it leaves the plant, when asked about a film in a pan on the stove. The film could be caused by the things already stated.

Roger Tripp has no problems at all, wither we are running on spring water or county water.

Some are here to ask when Providence Circle will have sewer installed. They are told we need to repair what we have in place now, before adding more lines. Others complain that it is too high to tap on to the city existing system, they would like us to lower the price or give options for paying.

Tony Mcdaniel has many issues with the sewer system, including the backflow valves and cut off valves on Peter's Street. Also on Pendegrass sewer line. Jordon and Tony discuss where manholes are and where they run to. They discuss abandoned lines and the need for more pump stations. They both agree that resident's lines need to be checked for backflow valves.

Roger Tripp brings up striping on the streets, he is told some are city streets to be done by the city, but some are county or state roads that they handle.

All capital improvements cost money. We have to work on the existing problems before we can start on other projects. Grants are mentioned at this time. Sidewalks needed to be done is talked about, and it is said, this type repair should have been done before 1921 Broad St was purchased to remodel. A long term goal of Dwight's and Eddie's is to complete sections of sidewalks, but then it is brought up that you have to define the right of way, or if you are going to take someone's yard for this purpose.

It is talked about that we need to look at the big picture and not just short term fixes. Look at what we have and improve it. Taxes being increased will help improve from this day going forward, and not wasting money. Eddie wants us to be more diligent on spending wisely.

Joyce Jacks mentions the sirens we need to repair and Dwight wants that also. The city needs to look into repair being cost efficient or is it better to replace?