

Message from the Mayor

Greetings Citizens

It has been a busy last couple of months, but it appears that some of the projects that have been in the works for a while are finally starting to see some movement.

Lead line inventory

At that beginning of the year the city applied for and received a grant for a lead line inventory, this inventory is a preemptive requirement by DNR (department of natural resources). This inventory has to do with drinking water safety and identification of lead water lines in our community.

As many of you know the contractors were here and gone fairly quickly and left little or no disturbed yards. The inventory only covered about 30 percent of our city and we as a community need to have 100% accountability, this survey is a health and wellness issue and has to do with the types of underground pipes that supply our water, it will also help provide avenues for grants in the future in reference to our water system. We will continue to work toward the protections and upgrading of our water systems for the safe delivery of clean drinking water for years to come.

Water project

We have met with our engineers and project manager and have found out that we have made the next level of the selection process, which basically means that our community is on a list of other communities that have a high chance of being funded, with this said we should know if our project will be funded by the grant that we applied for in conjunction with our bond amount. If the process continues on its current path we should be starting processes sometime early spring for this project.

Tin Man Water Tower

During our storm last July, it was revealed that our water tower on depot street was damaged, the roof was pulled away from the tank which created a space that debris, birds and other items could find their way inside, the tower was drained and shut down for sanitary reasons, we have been in contact with FEMA and our insurance company to arrange for proper repairs. Unfortunately, this is a process, and is taking more time than we are comfortable with. On the upside the larger tower located behind the post office is more than capable of taking care of our needs, public works employees have developed plans for emergency situations such as fire's or large leaks. Luckily, we were able to add this issue to our water project, this will allow both towers to be rehabbed and brought to compliance.

Main St sidewalk project

After several months of application and revisions we will be opening bids around the first of September for our sidewalk replacement from Mill St, West across the 4 way stop to business forms. If everything goes as planned work should be started in December.

Golden City Fire Dept

Our Fire Dept was recently honored by the Golden Harvest Day committee as person/persons of the year, this was a much-deserved award and I cannot speak more proudly of the dedication and devotion of these men and women that make up our Fire Dept, they have taken on many roles for our community

and have answered many calls to fill the needs of our community and surrounding areas. On behalf of our council and our community I would like to thank our volunteer firefighters, and everyone who supports them from family, and friends, to donors and anyone who has supported our Fire Dept.

I wish to thank all that support our community whether it be an business owner, resident, volunteer or anyone that just passes through our community, without the support and civic duty of people like them our community wood surely be without.

God Bless

Mayor Shannon C Higgins