

## Public Works Report

April, 2020

For the month of April, the Town of Lake City produced 6,760,100 gallons of safe drinking water and the Wastewater Treatment Plant processed 2,037,792 gallons of wastewater. For the same period last year the Town produced 4,842,500 gallons of water and processed 2,231,568 gallons of wastewater.

Water: We have doing some maintenance on the water side of things this month. Extending fire hydrants and repairing broken or incorrectly installed valve boxes. The fire hydrant extensions will be particularly of benefit to us and the Fire Department. The Town took part in a State wide water testing initiative. This is a voluntary sampling of our water system for PFAS chemicals. You may already be familiar with the term from media exposure. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. The testing is done by a State sanctioned lab at no cost to the Town. Due to many factors we are at a very low risk for contamination, but it is always good to know for sure. Jameson and I have been dealing with a couple water line issues, specifically the 2" water main in Firehouse alley. The issue has been resolved, but the end of the alley is still being repaired. Jameson completed the meter read in record time this month with very few issues.

Wastewater: Rundle Construction has been hard at it on our sewer line project. They are progressing nicely and should be starting on Silver Street shortly. They successfully crossed the highway and the asphalt patching is already underway. They will be headed south down Silver Street which will tie into the school project. All customers have been properly notified and road closures and water shut downs have gone smoothly. Denny and his crew have been excellent in complying with our State and local health orders.

Streets and Alleys: Towards the end of the month we started our annual road maintenance and preparations for dust suppressant application. The County Road and Bridge Department did a great job with grading and rolling our streets. The dust control application is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> and we have started outreach to the community in order to make the public aware. We discourage driving on the roads immediately after the application. The County also completed a large project for the Town on south Water Street. They opened up the drainage ditch system along the steep part of the road and used the material to build up the road base. We then added 300 tons of class 6 road base to create a finished grade on the road. This particular section of south Water Street has been degrading for quite some time and was down to the bedrock upon which it was built. My hopes are that after dust suppressant is applied the new material will bind and hold.

Other: Lots of Zoom meetings! I am sure you have all had your share. I am looking forward to sitting in the multi-purpose room with you all in the near future and conducting our meetings face to face. Jameson reached his 3 year anniversary with the Town on the 24<sup>th</sup> and I am quite proud of his progression as an employee. He has always gone above and beyond what is asked of him and continues to impress me with his character. Thank you all for everything that you do!

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Levine

Public Works Director

