

Below is a summary of the projects and updates from the Public Works/Utility Department for the next Town Council meeting.

Major Projects:

- Abita Springs WWTP Replacement Project ... The project continues to proceed on the expected timeline. Substantial completion is expected by 02/2026 with final completion still scheduled for 05/2026.
- Meadows Connection ... The Town continues to review options for servicing this new development without adversely affecting the current residents on the system.
- Level/Burvant Project... The Mayor is waiting for the report from the independent testing lab on whether the existing paving work is outside the scope of acceptable grades. He expects to speak with the engineer on the project this week.

Updates:

- Customer Service Work Orders ..Just a reminder, the numbers below do not include routine and repetitive work, such as daily chlorine residuals and/or lift station maintenance, ditching and flushing activities, that are performed outside of a customer's direct request for services.
 - January 2025 – 113 customer service work orders
 - February 2025 – 133 customer service work orders
- Utility & Public Works Improvements .. I am continuing to compile a list of needed improvement projects for each section of our utility and public works systems as they come to my attention. Please let me know if you wish to review this list of projects. Below are a few updates on projects that we are actively working on.
 - 21403 Millar Street / Donna Laurent – Josh & I met with Ms. Laurent last week. We shot grade on the ditch this week from the outfall at the corner of Ms. Laurent's property to the intersection of Millar/Poitevent. We believe that we can change the flow direction to bring the water to the Town's ditch along Poitevent instead of the drainage path across private property outside of the Town limits that is clogged and blocked with downed trees.
 - Gas Line Extension – We are working on installation of a new reg station off Hwy 36 on Homestead St to loop the gas lines in this area. We have dead-end lines that are causing pressure issues for customers on the gas line. The new reg station should be completed within the next 45-60 days. Once the new reg station is installed, we will need to look at rebuilding the Nursery St reg station that is in very poor condition.
- WWTP Access .. Still waiting on parts for the gate.

- Longbranch Retreat Improvements – The plans for this project were approved through the Planning & Zoning Committee. The pile driving that received some complaints on Facebook is complete. The project will be adding a new fire hydrant to our water distribution system. The type & location of the hydrant will be approved by the Town & STFD8 prior to installation.
- Sanitary Survey – La Dept of Health (LDH) completed a sanitary survey of the Town's water system on 02/19/2025. No monitoring & reporting violations were noted, no positive bacteriological samples for the past year, and no unresolved deficiencies. We do have some work that is needed on the Fire House Well so that we can update the monitoring plan for the system. We should have this work done within the next 30 days and a response sent to LDH.

Special Notes:

- Recognition of service to Town by LC Stire. LC passed away last week. Dan may have a special acknowledgement for his service at the beginning of the meeting, but if not, please recognize his service to the Town.
- Employee Recognition On 02/23/2025, Cedric Little made his 10-year employment anniversary. Again, Dan may have an announcement at the beginning of the meeting, but if not, please recognize Cedric's service to the Town. He is a dedicated member of the Utility Department and serves an integral role in the maintenance and upkeep of our water, sewer and gas systems.