



Mayor's Letter
October 15, 2021

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE. The annual event will be on Sunday October 31st at Town Hall. We will have five trailers and they will be moving out at 6:00. Let's have a good turn-out for the kids. And of course, everybody knows the Mayor always has the biggest and best candy.

TOWN PICNIC Once again, it's time for the Town picnic sponsored by the Lakewood Village Municipal Development District. The event will be on **November 13th**. Like last year we will have a chili cookoff so bring your best. New this year we will have a **petting zoo** for the little ones. We will have about 40 different animals for the children to experience. Also new this year everyone can stop in and see the repaired and newly renovated Town Hall. So, let's all get together one last time before the weather turns cold.

WELL UPDATE. Ugh. After several unsuccessful attempts at extracting the blockage on our #2 well, we have determined that the well screen has collapsed. This means that the well is permanently inoperable and will be plugged. We will be fine for the winter, as we normally only run one well during this low usage period. Next Summer we will go on moderate water restrictions similar to the last several weeks. We have been planning on adding new wells and storage for several years, so we are prepared.

At our September meeting the Town Council authorized our engineers to undertake a utility capacity study. The task will have three components: (1) compute our current water and wastewater capacity and usage; (2) forecast the amount of water and wastewater capacity we will need for final buildout; and (3) provide us with options and estimated construction costs to achieve the necessary capabilities. Kimley-Horn will present the report to us at our November meeting. Our expected timetable is to issue bonds in March 2022, award bids in April 2022, with construction of our new facilities lasting 12-18 months.

ROAD UPDATE. Last week we reached agreement with Ed Bell on the final construction payment. With the

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
ENGINEERING			
Geotech	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)	
Survey & Topo	(\$74,000)	(\$74,000)	
Design	(\$260,000)	(\$260,000)	
Bidding & Doc Prep	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)	
CONSTRUCTION			
ED BELL	(\$4,444,798)	(\$4,304,193)	(\$140,605)
Construction Admin	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)	
Fugro QC Testing	(\$37,050)	(\$54,202)	\$17,152
Utility Relocates	(\$40,000)	(\$9,509)	(\$30,491)
	(\$5,105,848)	(\$4,951,904)	(\$153,944)
Bonds	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	
	(\$605,848)	(\$451,904)	(\$153,944)
Interest	\$25,000	\$31,371	(\$6,371)
RESERVES USED	(\$580,848)	(\$420,533)	(\$160,315)

job complete, we have been doing the final accounting for the last 6 weeks. The Town's position was that the final payment should be **reduced by \$60,000** based the final quantity reconciliation. Ed Bell proposed that we owed them approximately an additional \$100,000 due to work quantity overruns. In the end, Ed Bell agreed with our accounting and we reduced the final payment by \$60,000.

The final accounting for the project shows that our costs came in under budget by \$153,944. We also received \$6,371 more in interest than we expected. So overall we came in \$160,315 under budget. Remember, although the total costs were budgeted for \$5,105,848, we only borrowed \$4,500,000, so we budgeted to pay almost \$600,000 out of our reserves.

In the final accounting because of our cost savings we only needed to spend \$420,533. I think we did a great job.

Come on out to the picnic, there's never been a better time to be in Lakewood Village.

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