

Water Project Update

Water Towers

In November crews from Maguire will arrive in the community to begin the process of building the new water tower. Over the last month parts, which will make up the 300,000-gallon water tower, have been delivered from Maguire Iron's plant in South Dakota. If the crews have favorable weather the new water tower is expected to be in service by spring-2017.

At the current water tower site crews have been installing new equipment in preparation for the completion of the improvements to the booster pump station.

Water Lines

Crews from APAC- Shears of Hutchinson, Kansas, are making progress on installing new waterlines for the community. If you have driven along US 281 lately, you may have noticed that the piles of pipe have largely disappeared. In late October, the crews completed the first leg of pipeline connecting the new water tower to the City's water system. Crews from APAC are working to install improvements along Iliff and River Road. When work along Iliff and River Road is complete, APAC will turn their attentions to improving water lines along Fowler.

Booster Pump Station

Improvements to the booster pump station are on schedule. In October APAC completed the addition of a room to hold new treatment equipment. Electrical work has been started in preparation for the installation of the new pumps and treatment equipment in the coming weeks.

Water Wells

Work on the wells should resume in the coming weeks. Work was stopped while the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Division (USDA-RD) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) reviewed revised plans for the new wells. The City has received the approval of USDA-RD and is awaiting sign-off by KDHE. The wells had to be redesigned because they are located in an area that did not have floodplain data established by FEMA when the project was designed. Within the last six months, data became available, which required the City to change the design to protect the wells from potential flooding.