

final thoughts...

I am not much into auctions but the City recently auctioned off a scrap lot that we had inherited. Turns out that the scrap market is in pretty good shape. The winning bid was \$100,100! And when they are complete, we will have a clean lot! Yeah!



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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be January 29th at 3:15. All Hands Meeting: January 22nd at 3:15 pm at Perry Park Center.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Brent Buerck, Mayor Ken Baer, Daniel Fitzpatrick and Evan Neuner with Public Service Commission, Brian Hastings with Robinson Construction, Rut Paulus, Derik Brandt with Municipal Equipment, and Chris with Spartman,

Happy Anniversaries' in January:

Jesse Whistler 10 years

Lyle Mudge 5 years

coming soon >>>

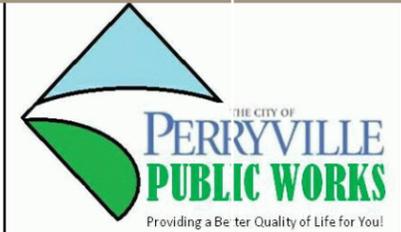
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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

January 19, 2018

What's In The Works And More!



Well old man winter has really been showing his presence the past couple weeks with below zero temps and now the wintery mix. Make sure to wear your safety gear and clothing when out working in these conditions. Also if you have outside pets you need to make sure they stay warm and have plenty to drink. The gas staff has been busy the past couple weeks even though the temps have been unfavorable. We have installed two new residential services and one commercial service and meter set to the new Atlas EPS building. Staff has also worked on repairing two small leaks on S Walnut and Bredall St. One of the Park Station relief valves stuck open during the below zero temps so staff pulled and rebuilt it. The Public Service Commission was in to do our annual audit on January 8-9, 2018. The audit went well, efficiencies were minimal. I want to thank my staff for the good work they perform to keep our audits deficiencies to a minimal.

We are continuing our public education program with the billboards. We get literally millions of views and the Public Service Commission is very much impressed by our continued commitment to improving our education program and continuing to use other media as well.



Pictured right: Jesse Whistler is installing the EPS (Atlas Foam) meter set.

Safety Culture: Pass It Forward!

Chad Unterreiner worked as part of the Perryville Park Department for quite a while and eventually became the Chairman of the city safety committee. He developed quite a passion for safety and we had many long debates at these meetings. Last year, he accepted a position with the City of Cape Girardeau as the Osage Centre Facility Manager. He recently told me they told him one of the main reasons he got the job was because of his commitment to safety!

Not long after he was hired in Cape, he called to thank both me and us because he feels as if he developed his devotion to safety from us here in Perryville. While he had always understood the importance, our culture in the City gave him his current focus and passion for it. Then last week, I receive this message from Chad:

The city opened a new facility in the spring time, and people were mesmerized by the facility. Every new building there is an awe factor, but then things also get overlooked as well. One of those things was an AED, which I started pushing for immediately, but it still took three months after operations began. We got a grant from a hospital and received an AED. The first night of one of our leagues; everything was going smooth and then a person fell over and hit the floor. I had a plan of action for what needed to be done, and the plan was executed (did I learn some things from the experience to improve on; Yes). The AED was used on the individual, and more than likely the person is still alive today because of the AED.

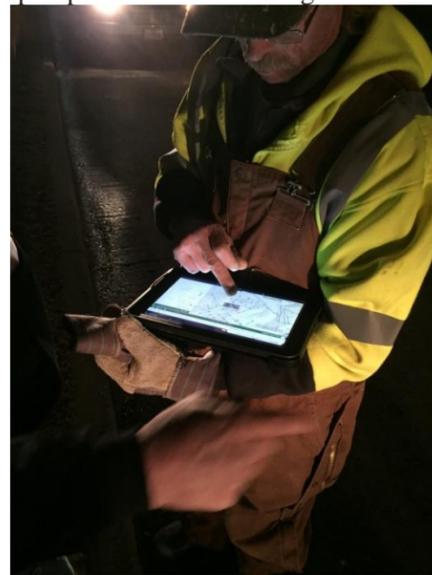
There are two things that I always take away from you and the City of Perryville: they are to be safe today and have a plan for all situations to be able to give your best chance for success. Thanks for what you have instilled in me.

One of the coolest and proudest emails I have ever received! Keep it up Chad and Let's keep it up Perryville!



Water & Sewer

Routine samples have been pulled along with special samples for water main breaks, lift stations checked and some minor and major repairs made, and parts ordered. Oak Street Lift Station parts finally came in and pumps re-installed. We winterized the air port hangers and had to go back through a third time to re-connect water to the test cell. Checks are being made two to three times a week to ensure the integrity of their system. The sewer line at 203 Holly has been exposed and brought up above the ground, and Joe is working on the old house and dirt work. The water line at the School tower has been tapped and flushed for Bac-Tee's. The valve has been installed along with a temporary meter for Brewer Water Dist. The cold temps and lack of snow cover on the ground has caused numerous water breaks that staff has been dealing with. A couple of the staff has been out sick in December; hopefully the bug has moved out and doesn't come back. We have had two fire hydrants hit in January and are out of service awaiting repair parts. Both of our two inch pumps went down during the cold spell and two new ones have been ordered. Staff went through another training session on the light tower and generator, the first week of January. Water meter for Atlas has been installed and turned on along with the fire suppression lines. Veterans Memorial Park water meter has been installed and turned on. Staff used the Vactor to expose a storm drain that was hit by a contractor and the Vactor was also used to expose a line for the WWTP. Staff repaired a water main break on Smith and Ste Augustine on Friday in the frigid temps. Staff worked for four and a half hrs and did an excellent job considering the weather.



Pic(R): Staff using technology at water break

What's Happening

- Street Dept.**
Street Patching, Ice preparations
- Gas Dept.**
Maintenance
- WWTP**
Starting new waterway study
- Refuse Dept**
New trucks delayed; due May 1.
- Water/ Wastewater Dept.**
Focus on system maintenance
- Water System Renovation –**
Tank 4 online; Tank 6 soon!
- Leaf Season: Over For Now!**
- Customer Care Center:** Now online at 547-2500! 24 hr emerg line!



We have been very busy the last several weeks with all of the holidays where you have to double up on jobs to get it all done. The street department had to help a lot because of the refuse truck that was broken down. We also filled potholes on Grand Ave where the water main was installed, asphalt patched potholes on Robb Street, Kathleen Blvd off of Big Springs, filled in manhole on West Street, put the red blinking lights on Shelby Street for the Edgemont Ext, put rip/rap in gully under the new water tank at PHS, as well as netting for the grass seed, reworked the ditch on the end of Deerfield Lane, graded the shoulders on Perryville Blvd., took barricades to airport and set it up for the Scrap Auction. We worked on the Airport culverts, winterized the lawn at City Hall and both round-a-bouts, and cleaned the corners on the square of leaves and debris. We did concrete work on Schindler Road from the recent water break, did concrete for the Park guys on Feltz Street Mini Park, painted yellow on curbs on Star Street, filled in hole with dirt at 702 North Waters, worked on toter carts, worked on refuse issues for the upcoming 1 arm truck, and worked in cleaning up the street departments tool room. We worked on getting several water break holes ready for concrete, got salt spreaders and snow plows as well as trucks & equipment ready for the upcoming Ice/Snow events.

Waste Water TREATMENT PLANT

It's been pretty frosty down here in the arctic holler. It's funny how cold falls in the low spots. We get frost when others do not. Maybe our next plant can be an indoor facility? We have been doing our best to stay warm and get everything done that needs to be done. We have been fighting the ice at the airport plant, vacuuming out porta potties, hauling lime slurry, electrical work for various departments, sampling for permit, installing pressure relief valve on the blower line and lots of other routine stuff. Stay warm.

Pic Right: Air relief valve At WWTP



Building Department Update

By Angie Fields, CBO

January is typically one of the least busy months of the year for my office. Cold temperatures and shortened days limit the time construction personnel have to spend on projects. In the past few weeks, many of the projects from last year are nearing their final stages. The hotels is coming along and have begun installing furnishing in the guest rooms. ATLAS will be occupying a portion of their new building to make way for the demolition and reconstruction of other buildings on their property. Perry County School District has completed the demolition of their pre-school building to make way for a state-of-the-art elementary school. Once the weather warms, all of the new commercial projects will begin and construction season will, once again, be upon us. I am currently updating the City Emergency Action Plan and will distribute the updated copies in the next few weeks. With the help of Barb Maxwell, I am finishing up and filing all of the permits from the past few years. Our goal is to scan all of the documents/plans and have those files accessible in our PubWorks system. This should help us retrieve information for future inquiries and allow us to have the information at our fingertips.



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Brrrrr! So much for global warming. It appears mother nature is always the boss. Even though it's been ice cold we haven't had too many cold related problems here at the Water Plant. I guess we have just learned over the years what to look for and how to prevent the problems. I have a great staff that stays on top of these things. Since it did warm up for a few days we were able to squeeze in some concrete work, painting at well 3, fixed small internal water leak, deepened the sump pit at tank 4 and some routine maintenance sprinkled in. Since Old Man Winter has visited again stay warm and have some family time.

Pic: Painting at Well Number 3.

