

**BUILDING/PLANNING:**

There will be a public hearing at next week's regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting. This hearing will be held to create a new zoning for the landfill. Currently, the landfill property is zoned R-MH (Residential Mobile Home). However, the operation of a landfill is not a residential use. With the request from Waste Management to expand the landfill, this is the time to align the zoning with the use. Because a landfill is not a permitted use in any zoning, Courtney and the City Attorney have created a "Landfill Exclusive Use Zoning. This creation of this zoning designation requires a public hearing. If it is approved by the Planning Board, it will be on the agenda for the Council's approval in October.

**WATER & SEWER:**

Last month I reported that the water transmission line bid came in approximately \$1.4 million over budget. I also mentioned that I would be applying to Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to borrow that amount. At this point, all of the paperwork has been submitted and we will find out on October 3<sup>rd</sup> if we are going to be approved to borrow those funds.

A pre-construction conference was held today for the water transmission line project. Rosetta Construction's contract time will begin October 1. One of the first steps in this process will be the clearing of the right-of-way where the pipeline will be installed. Pipe deliveries will begin sometime mid-October and the loads will be staged along the ten-mile route. The line installation process will begin on the east end of the project at the city maintenance shop and will work its way west. At the same time, a boring contractor will start work on the 500' bore under the Illinois River. Initially the general contractor will be working four 10 hours days per week, Monday through Thursday, and will adjust their schedule as needed.

The water meter changeout project is virtually complete. We have a few lingering issues that need to be addressed. However, we will be able to collect readings on all meters this week. This project has not gone as quickly or as smoothly as I had hoped. We had to estimate a considerable amount of readings over the last few months, and consequently issue a number of bill adjustments. I appreciate the patience of our customers and we worked through this process.

The next project on the agenda is the 412 West Sewer Improvements. This project will extend a 12" sewer line approximately 5,200' from the NACA line that runs along Brush Creek, through Pianalto's property to Liberty Avenue. An advertisement for bids was published in the newspaper with a bid opening date of October 4, 2018. This project will be funded partially or possibly completely with the \$350,000.00 that we received from the Governor early this year.