

Sixth Street Sewer Project Phase II Completed; BPW Approves Payments

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Work on the Sixth Street Sewer Project Phase II has been completed, Auburn Board of Public Works (BPW) members were told Monday, July 12.

A \$111,988.79 payment to TJ Osborn was approved. There will be one more payment for the project involving a change order.

All of the sewer line is operating, except the section that was bored from Sixth and N Street to Ninth and N Street. The manhole at 11th and Q Street was diverted to keep the majority of the flow down the old route until the connection was made when Phase I of the project was completed at Sixth and N Street.

David Hunter, BPW general manager, said that customers along the route were satisfied. The change order addressed an additional customer that had to be connected to the sewer line during construction. It was found that the customer's septic tank was failing and its drain field was out in the state right of way. Another change order had to be issued for a tap for the residence.

A \$195,136.86 payment to Eriksen Construction was approved for the water treatment plant.

Dan Snyder abstained, as he was absent during discussion.

Hunter said that work has proceeded slowly with the weather being the biggest factor regarding the delay. He said that work on the outside piping will be delayed until after the Nemaha County Fair later this month to keep that street open. That work will impact traffic flow along Ninth Street. The contractor requested a time extension and completion date is now set for Dec. 1, 2010.

Hunter reported the water plant project is coming together. Work on getting the building up has been slow. The roof and filters are the biggest issue. Once that the building was completed and new filters installed, work will move fairly fast.

A \$79,590.85 payment to K2 for the water line/well was approved which basically ended that project. Hunter said that a \$5,000 retainage fee was being held until final completion of the project to cover any issues that may arise. Officials are awaiting receipt of all of the waivers from property owners. Once K2 officials provide all of the waivers, the retainage will be paid if appropriate.

Hunter said Health and Human Services (HHS) officials will inspect the new well Thursday, July 15. Once approved, he said that the new well may be utilized.

A \$22,204.65 payment to Graham Construction was approved for the wastewater plant. The contractor was working on the final grading and sidewalks. Hunter said that the rest of the driveway was poured Friday, July 9. The contractor was working on their punch list. The bio solids tank was completed. Hunter said that overall that the plant was fully operational. It was making sludge and operating above expectations, he said. Scott Davis with the Wetland Group had been on site. Reeds were replanted Saturday, July 10. Seeding and replacing the fence was needed, Hunter said.

A \$57,766.57 payment to Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for Phase I of the Sixth Street Sewer Project was approved. Hunter said that the contractor has started on the section of sewer line west of the highway. That was the deepest section of sewer on this alignment. Once the crews

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got through that and moved toward Sixth Street the work pace should pick up.