

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT FEBRUARY 2009**

Feb. 25 I went to Beaver where ODEA and Water Products provided a live demo of a new valve insertion machine on a live 6" water line with the Town of Beaver purchasing the valve. OEDA is purchasing this machine with attachments for \$50,000 and will be on a trailer, which can be available to towns at a reasonable price, that has yet to be determined. There has been a group of towns and OEDA that has been discussing the feasibility of us being able to use this machine for almost a year now. This machine can install valves on live lines from 4" to 12". Mainly being used for isolation valves but can also be used for emergency repairs.

Feb. 26 & 27 finds me at Beaver again, taking my NIMS 300 class, the NIMS 400 & NIMS 800 is yet to come.

As far as all the agenda items that were requested from the Swimming Pool Committee to be line items, I can address some of these in this report. The date on filling and opening the pool will need to be discussed concerning training lifeguards and hiring a manager. I would think to try to set a target date as Memorial Day Weekend for opening, but will need to see as the latter will dictate the date. We have always advertised in the paper for hiring the pool manager and the lifeguards without this being added to the agenda. As for establishing a lawn maintenance schedule for the swimming pool yard, in the past it was the pool manager that took care of the mowing and grass trimming. But, if that was to change then the town can take on this responsibility and maintain the lawn when need mowed. After talking with Gary Reavis with the Woodward County Health Department regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Safety Act, the Oklahoma State Legislature has not made this a law yet and says that we are not required to do anything with the drains this year. Next year we will probably need to get some new drain covers that will be to their liking. Also, the Health Dept. pool school will be May 13, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Express in Woodward from 8:30 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.

The Clinic in back of City Hall is coming right along with a lot of the plumbing and electric work being done, and still more on the way. Doors and shelving are going up as the transition of the two hallways are being framed and dry walled. I understand that the receptionist window has been ordered and plans to be in next week, so that wall front and back can finish. It is all coming together and looking to be on schedule for the opening date in July.

I would like to get on my soap box, if I may. It was brought to my attention on Feb.20 that some pictures and video was on the web about some golf carts and batteries and such were dumped at Doby Springs Park. I was amazed at the site, for it was put there without my knowledge. And seeing this I would not have allowed this to happen. I have myself put four carts down there but it was years ago and with tires and batteries removed. The tractor has been there for over 20 years, I know this because I started work for the town Oct.1. 1988. Now, about how these were displayed, these pics and video were taking on a weekend nature hike, say valentines weekend and was seen by some local folks on Monday Feb.16, 2009. Nothing was said to me about this all week or even at the special board meeting, nothing until another board member brought this to my attention Friday Feb. 20. Seems to me that the protocol for this lady board member that was in the picture would have been to bring this up to other board members or the city manager to get this cleaned up. Some how, I new it would be called in to the online DEQ complaint line, anonymous again. Wednesday Kenny Ground called me at Beaver and told me of the online complaint, I explained to him that this has been dumped there without me of any knowledge and has already been cleaned up. I think there were some pictures taking there that day, too. I invited Kenny to come and inspect this and he said that he was to be there 11:00 am Thurs. Morning, I will have a phone meeting with him Friday Morning. I had an employee show him were it was, and also was to inspect the water wells. My employee said the wells inspection was good as they have been in the past, and the site was clear of what was complained about and the carts and other junk were to be picked up in a time frame that would give us enough time to do the job.

We will have a new employee March 2, his name is Darrel Brown from Woodward, has CDL.