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Council Report

Public Works – Dennis Moore

Asphalt repairs will continue until the plant closes in the fall. Several large areas have been paved and repaired by asphalt paver with smaller areas being done by hand. The hand work will continue but the asphalt paver has been returned.

The contract work for sidewalk repair has been completed for 2014. There was 5224 square feet of replacement at the price of \$7.75 per square foot. This work is again budgeted in 2015. The Public Works Dept. crews will continue concrete work until the fall.

Salt for snow and ice season will be a hard to get in 2014 into 2015. Last season from November of 2013 to March of 2014 there was 1,304 tons of salt used with 41 callouts of full crews and 5 trucks running. Price for salt last season was \$50.12. The trouble last season was getting shipments of salt delivered. This brought different ways of fighting the snow and ice into play from January until the snow and ice season was over. This upcoming season salt will be in short supply. The price is \$116.00 per ton. The City is allotted 92.45 ton for the season. The City currently has 861.74 tons in storage now and uses on average 700 tons per year. Crews will be fighting our road ways differently this season by letting salt set longer before clearing the roadways and before reapplying if snow continues. By not knowing what kind of season we are going to have material will be applied to primary streets throughout the City, along with main roads leaving the developments. All other roadways and alleys will be maintained by plowing and salt used just at stops and turns. This effort will save on material but will have different result in what our residents have seen in the past and what they are used to. My concern is what this season will bring and what the next year salt situation will be. I am sure the barn will be depleted of material in the upcoming season. With an average winter we can handle the situation as it stands now. My concern is what next season will be like, what material will be available and the cost of that material.

If you have any questions or concerns fell free to contact me.