

Fifth Avenue SW Improvements Construction Newsletter

September 2020

Construction:

- Concrete Street
- Storm Sewer System
- Sanitary Sewer System
- Water Distribution System

Construction schedule:

Start: June 29, 2020

Finish: November 1, 2020

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Overview

As you know, the City of Pipestone is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities along 5th Avenue SW. The project includes the reconstruction of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water system improvements and new street construction.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received on May 18, 2020, and the project was awarded to Winter Contracting, LLC from Brookings, South Dakota on May 21, 2020. Several subcontractors will be working with Winter Contracting to complete the project.

Winter has finished the underground utility construction and have commenced construction of the pavement section (concrete) which is scheduled to begin soon. The contract completion date for the work is November 1, 2020, and Winter is anticipating to meet the completion date.

Construction

Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, wet concrete, etc. and often times are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise, if you observe an unsafe condition please report it to our Construction Representative immediately.

Access

During the next few weeks, as the roadbed (gravel) and concrete pavement construction progresses driveway access will continue to be limited. The Contractor will continue to make efforts to provide access when feasible. They are currently scheduled to start the final stages of preparation for the concrete pavement the week of September 8th and that will result in a loss of access until the concrete pavement is constructed and cured.

Concrete Pavement

As the Contractor proceeds into construction of the street pavement, sawing of joints is a critical step in establishing a durable concrete street. The timing of the saw cutting is especially important and may need to occur at inconvenient hours, including late evening or at night. Without proper sawing, risk of random cracks increases, which would further delay access for repairs.



Alert

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. With complications requiring a longer shutoff period, residents will be notified by a notice delivered to your front door.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. in the right-of-way, it is not the Contractor's responsibility to work around them. The property owner is responsible for securing these private improvements and moving them, if necessary, to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the Contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Any underground improvements, such as irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible. Please contact Bolton & Menk at the number listed above if you have concerns about your property and the potential construction impact.



Questions

Private Utilities

Private utility companies have already been working in the area to relocate their lines. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City but is necessary to prepare for the proposed construction. We understand that this work has resulted in some rather disruptive and messy conditions, and ask that you please be patient as the various contractors work to complete their individual portion of the improvements.

Service Line Connections

Sewer and water services will be constructed out to the right-of-way from the centerline of the street approximately 35-40 feet as part of the project. Connections to the existing services will be made at that location. The Contractor will be televising the sanitary services from right-of-way to the home to identify if the line meets City Code. If the sanitary or water lines do not meet the Code, you will be required to correct the issue. The project contractor has given the City prices to complete service line replacements as part of the project if needed to meet code or requested by the Homeowner. Costs & payment options for the work will be discussed with you prior to the work. If not replaced with the project, the Homeowners will be responsible for hiring a contractor to make the sewer and water connections between the property line and the house if you do not wish to have the improvements completed by the project Contractor.



Parking

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As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park at a neighbor's house or down the block, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Efforts will be made to restore access to your property as soon as it is reasonable. Access will be intermittent during underground construction and for longer periods during street grading, curb and pavement construction. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience.



Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be mailed to you periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the Resident Project Representative, Dustin Meyer, or the Project Engineer, Jason Zinter, at the phone numbers or email addresses listed.