

Council awards bid for \$1.1 M in water, sewer repairs

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Time hasn't been kind to a sanitary sewer line in west Rawlins.

The clay tile pipe is about 80 to 100 years old, said Gary Steele, a civil engineer with PMPC, a Saratoga-based firm.

Surrounding tree roots have worked their way into the pipe over time and plugged it, he added.

The solution for this and four other troublesome areas: About \$1.1 million worth of repairs.

The Rawlins City Council voted 5 to 0 Tuesday to accept the lower of two bids for planned water and sewer line upgrades.

A bid offered by the Reiman Corp., a Wyoming-based company, came in at \$1,160,281, or about \$63,000 less than the one offered by Scherer Construction, according to city records.

Projects include the aging sewer line on 13th Street extending from Spruce to Walnut streets.

The proposed project also includes four water line replacements in south and northeastern Rawlins.

A combination of consensus, specific purpose tax and stimulus funds are slated to fund the projects. Funds in the last group are scheduled to be funneled through the state's revolving funds for clean water and drinking water, which help pay for sewer and water lines, respectively, said Duane Stolns, Public Works and community development director.

Officials from Reiman Corp. can begin moving on the project after they sign necessary agreements and "get their bonds in place," Steele said.

The latter ensure that "the city has assurance that once (the company) comes in and digs things up, there will be completion of the project," he added.

Although Stolns and Steele couldn't pinpoint an exact date that work could begin, completion dates for two projects have already been set.

In other actions:

At its 5:30 p.m. meeting, the Rawlins City Council:

- **Reviewed a speed limit study proposing speed limit changes in Rawlins. Councilors requested the engineer who conducted the study return to answer questions before the council votes to accept it.**
- **Reviewed a revised ordinance governing recreational vehicles parked permanently in mobile home parks. City Attorney Dan Massey provided a draft ordinance that would allow certain types of recreational vehicles to remain in mobile home parks provided that they meet city standards.**

At its 7:30 p.m. meeting, the Rawlins City Council:

- **Hosted a public hearing for an ordinance to rezone 14 acres in east Rawlins from highway business to residential. A subdivision containing 47 units is planned for construction in the area. Councilors later voted 5 to 0 to accept a second reading of the ordinance.**
- **Hosted a public hearing for resolutions to apply for grants funding a marketing plan for the Wyoming Frontier Prison and an update to the city's master plan. The council later voted, 5 to**

0, to adopt both resolutions.

- Voted, 5 to 0, to accept a street closure on portions of Fifth, Cedar and Fourth streets for the Rawlins-Carbon County Chamber of Commerce's Kiddie Parade scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on July 31.
- Voted, 5 to 0, to accept a street closure on the intersection of Fourth and Buffalo streets for a street dance put on by the BPO ELKS Lodge No. 609 slated to take place from 8 p.m. to midnight on Aug. 5.
- Voted, 5 to 0, to accept a street closure from 12:45 to 3 p. m. on Aug. 1 for the Carbon County Fair parade. The parade is slated to start at Walnut and Third streets and travel west on Spruce Street to Fifth Street. The route continues to Cedar Street and then to Utah Street.
- Entertained no motion to allow an alcohol waiver for the Red Desert Trap Club shooting event slated for 9 a.m. Sunday at the city's shooting range. The waiver would have permitted participants to have alcohol during the event's award ceremony after shooting events were finished.
- Adopted, 5 to 0, a resolution to apply to Bureau of Land Management for an additional 240 acres adjacent to the city's landfill. If granted, the expansion would be used to expand the landfill solely for construction and demolition waste. A proposed plan calls for shipping the city's household garbage to Casper's landfill.
- Adopted, 5 to 0, resolution to apply to the BLM for 160 acres for a model airplane landing strip and a remote control car course
- Adopted, 5 to 0, a resolution to submit a \$2,500 grant to the Wyoming Arts Council for a community cultural arts festival.
- Adopted, 5 to 0, a resolution to submit a \$180,000 E-911 grant to help offset costs for system upgrades
Per contract requirements, replacing asphalt above the sewer line on 13th Street and a water line in north Rawlins must be completed by October, Steele said.

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