

Points to Ponder April 30, 2016

There have been several changes since I last wrote to you. Phase 1 is completed. Three lift stations are completed and are running good. Our lagoons are half done and will be completed in Phase II. Our water tower has been painted and looks good.

In March the bids were opened for Phase II. Phase II is the repair and relining of our total waste water (sewer) system in Ozawkie. K.C. Construction was the lowest bidder and they were awarded the signed contract. K.C. Construction will do all their own work and there will be no sub contractors. So they will be the only company in town for our Phase II. They should begin work in mid-July and be finished approximately in April of next year. There will be a TOWN HALL meeting sometime in mid-June for all citizens to come and talk to our engineers and K.C. Construction to see what the process for repairs and relining and how that will impact citizens. It is an information meeting and I hope you will come. I will let you know what day and time as soon as arrangements are made with all parties concerned.

There will be two more wastewater (sewer) rate increases to reach our goal of \$67.50 by November 1, 2016. One is June 1 and the second is October 1. When we are done with Phase II, the city will have a new wastewater (sewer) system. After listening to citizens from other cities across Kansas and the breakdown of their infrastructure we can be proud that we are taking care of our city.

The other concern I have is our pump house. It is also 50 years old, still functioning quite well, but it needs to be replaced. There are several options that Scott and I are looking at. When I have more information I will let you (citizens) know.

I want to again thank you (citizens) for backing and forward thinking in our Phase II relining of our wastewater (sewer) lines. Without your support this project would never happen.

The City of Ozawkie is very unique city. We have our own water and sewer. Other small cities have lost their water. One city has lost their water and complete break down of their sewer system, called laterals. I feel we are fortunate to have citizens that care about our city now and in the future. We are a city that has ordinances that help govern our city. If we are not careful, our city will become run down and the cost of our homes will decrease.

As I have said before, we are taking care of what is in the ground, why are we not taking care of what is above ground.

Your council woman,

Nancy Leek 

PS: Please remember when you take your leaves or yard debris in plastic bags to the city vegetation site, after you empty your bags be sure to take the bags home with you.