

Lawrence, Myrl

From: Damon Johnson <cityengineer@cityofbatesville.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Lawrence, Myrl
Subject: RE: Update Request

Thank You, in my research I came across their model last week and actually spoke with Vince Hotho at LRWRA. I would prefer to go this direction rather than a loan. I have presented this model to the politicians and they are reviewing the information I provided from LR.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Damon Johnson <cityengineer@cityofbatesville.com>
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FYI

<https://www.lrwra.com/programs/sslrp/>

From: Damon Johnson [<mailto:cityengineer@cityofbatesville.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Lawrence, Myrl
Subject: RE: Update Request

Not really, I am getting concern from some councilmembers about how to handle those who cannot afford to make the required repairs. This has been a back and forth conversation. I think we are getting closer to an agreement, but still working on some of the finer details. I have been directed again to get more examples from other utilities on how they deal with this. I am going to make a request thru the Arkansas Water and Wastewater Mangers Association for policies or ordinances that cover the customer owned service lines. I haven't done that yet but hope to get that out this afternoon.

From: Lawrence, Myrl <myrl.lawrence@adeq.state.ar.us>
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Subject: RE: Update Request

Where are we at on the ordinance? Any progress?

From: Damon Johnson [<mailto:cityengineer@cityofbatesville.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Lawrence, Myrl
Subject: RE: Update Request

Mr. Lawrence,

Since our last communication there has not been any significant changes with the private service lines. As we had discussed I was working with some of our city council members to create a new ordinance with enforcement measures that would encourage our citizens to make necessary repairs when required. Thru those discussions there was concern and disagreement from the politicians on how to deal with property owners who were financial unable to make the required repairs. We were researching and evaluating how other cities address this issue, but hadn't ever come to an agreement on a final solution. When the COVID issue came up we put the issue on hold with the assumption in a month or two things would clear up and we could get back together for more discussions. Of course COVID seems to not be going away. I would have to say I should have restarted the conversations and pushed getting the ordinance completed and passed. This is something I will reignite, however I do not think I will be able to get that completed by August 21st. Please advise if you would like me submit an official update stating that we still do not have an ordinance in place.

On another note our final large line replacement project funded through our bond issue is currently under review at ADH with the expectation that we will be able to go to bid this winter. This project has been delayed several times over the past few years, but it seems we have finally worked thru all the obstacles. This project contains over 22,000LF of line replacement which will allow us to take two interceptor lines that consist of mostly concrete pipe out of service. These lines are a very significant source of inflow and infiltration.

Again I apologize and take responsibility for our failure to deal with the private services in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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From: Lawrence, Myrl <myrl.lawrence@adeq.state.ar.us>
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August 17, 2020

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Engineer, City of Batesville

RE: NPDES Permit No. AR0020702, City of Batesville
Update Request of Private Sewer Line Rehab Report

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As discussed, by phone previously, the results reported were insufficient to meet the requirements of having completed the Private Sewer Line Rehabilitation. On our last discussion, you had indicated the city council was to consider a possible ordinance change to enable completion of this requirement. Please prepare and submit an updated status report for the project.

DEQ requests the above information be provided by Friday, August 21, 2020.

Should you have additional questions, or desire additional information, please contact me directly.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myrl V. Lawrence Jr.".

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