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#### 1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In February of 2019, Engineering Services, Inc. prepared a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) on behalf of The City of Yellville. The purpose of the CAP was to create a plan for evaluating the sanitary sewer system with the ultimate goal of the evaluation being recommendations for improvements to the existing sanitary sewer collection system to mitigate system defects that result in sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). The CAP was prepared at the request of the Water Division Enforcement Branch of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). This request was made by ADEQ due to a series of SSOs as documented in its letter dated January 23, 2019. A copy of this letter was previously included under Appendix A of the CAP.

The CAP provided an assessment of the likely causes of the effluent violations, set out detailed corrective actions for the City to perform in order to evaluate the sanitary sewer collection system, and established a milestone schedule for the evaluation of the system with a reasonable expected date of final compliance.

This Quarterly Report serves to provide ADEQ with an update regarding progress made toward the goals set out in the CAP.

Since the last quarterly report, funding was pursued through the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) instead of through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as was stated in the June Quarterly Report. The ANRC funding application was submitted in August 2021 but at the suggestion of ANRC, was later deferred by the City in order to pursue potential funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Bill. This future funding would be in addition to funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC). The funds from AEDC CDBG were secured in this past quarter, therefore as mentioned in the June Quarterly Report, in an effort to provide the City with a reliable sewer collection system as soon as possible, steps for construction of the original scope are being pursued while awaiting future funds.

#### 2. MILESTONE SCHEDULE

#### RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

The original milestone schedule as set out in the CAP is shown in the following table.

Table 2.1
Original Milestone Schedule

| Task  | Target Completion Date |
|---|------------------------|
| Visual Inspection of Manholes in Select Locations     | March 2019             |
| Smoke Testing   | June 2019              |
| Closed Circuit Televising                             | August 2019            |
| Develop Mitigation Plan                               | October 2019           |
| Prepare/Submit Preliminary Engineering Report to WWAC | November 2019          |
| Prepare/Submit Environmental Report                   | January 2020           |
| Prepare/Submit Funding Application                    | January 2020           |
| Prepare/Submit Draft Plans and Specifications         | February 2020          |
| Prepare/Submit Final Plans and Specifications         | March 2020             |
| Advertise for Bids                                    | April 2020             |
| Open Bids   | May 2020               |
| Award Contract  | June 2020              |
| Start of Construction                                 | June 2020              |
| End of Construction                                   | March 2021             |

Due to the change in funding agency from USDA to ANRC, the revised Project Schedule detailed in Table 2.2 is proposed.

It is important to note, however, that because the AEDC CDBG funds were secured for 2021, steps to construct the original scope of the project will be pursued. This will move the proposed schedule forward for the rehabilitation and replacement of the manholes and sewer gravity mains included in the original scope of the project. A description of the original scope of the project can be found in the June Quarterly Report.

Table 2.2 Revised Proposed Milestone Schedule

| Task  | Target Completion Date |
|---|------------------------|
| Visual Inspection of Manholes in Select Locations     | Complete               |
| Smoke Testing   | Complete               |
| Closed Circuit Televising                             | Complete               |
| Develop Mitigation Plan                               | Complete               |
| Prepare/Submit Preliminary Engineering Report to WWAC | Complete               |
| Prepare/Submit AEDC (CDBG) Funding Application        | Complete               |
| Submit Larger Scope of Project to WWAC                | Complete               |
| Prepare/Submit Federal Funding Application            | Complete               |
| Prepare/Submit Environmental Report                   | March 2022             |
| Prepare/Submit Draft Plans and Specifications         | August 2022            |
| Prepare/Submit Final Plans and Specifications         | October 2022           |
| Advertise for Bids                                    | December 2022          |
| Open Bids   | February 2023          |
| Award Contract  | April 2023             |
| Start of Construction                                 | May 2023               |
| End of Construction                                   | May 2024               |

#### PROGRESS REPORT SCHEDULE

The quarterly progress reports have been submitted to ADEQ in accordance with the schedule set forth below.

Table 2.3 Progress Report Schedule

| Quarterly Report        | Submittal Date     |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter | December 15, 2019  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | March 15, 2020     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | June 15, 2020      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter | September 15, 2020 |

Additional reports, as required, have been, and will be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent months of December, March, June, and September.

#### 3. CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRESS

#### VISUAL INSPECTION OF MANHOLES IN SELECT LOCATIONS

Completed, see December 15, 2019 quarterly report.

#### **SMOKE TESTING**

Completed, see December 15, 2019 quarterly report.

#### **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISING**

Completed, see December 15, 2019 quarterly report.

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF MITIGATION PLAN**

Completed, see December 15, 2019 quarterly report.

## PREPARE/SUBMIT PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT TO WWAC (FOR ORIGINAL SCOPE)

Completed, see December 15, 2019 quarterly report.

#### PREPARE/SUBMIT WWAC APPLICATION FOR REVISED PROJECT SCOPE

Completed. The WWAC application for the larger, updated project scope was submitted to the WWAC on May 14, 2021. An anticipated funding amount of \$2,390,000 was requested.

#### PREPARE/SUBMIT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Preparation of the Environmental Report is underway. Due to the proposed work occurring along previously disturbed ground, it is likely that the project will be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. As shown in Table 2.2, the Environmental Report target completion date was set back due to the change in funding agency pursued.

#### PREPARE/SUBMIT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Community Development Block Grant funding application for wastewater improvements was completed and submitted to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission on March 12, 2020. Funds of \$250,000 through the CDBG program were secured in this past quarter.

As mentioned previously, federal funding will be pursued through ANRC instead of USDA for the larger scope of the project. A funding application for \$4,000,000 through ANRC was submitted in August 2021 but was deferred by the City, at the suggestion of ANRC, to pursue future grant opportunities through the ARPA and the Infrastructure Bill.

#### PREPARE/SUBMIT DRAFT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Preparation of Draft Plans and Specifications has not yet begun. This task will begin once all project funding has been procured.

#### PREPARE/SUBMIT FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Preparation of Final Plans and Specifications has not yet begun. This task will begin once agency review of the Draft Plans and Specifications has been completed.

#### **ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Advertisement for Bids for the proposed project has not yet occurred. This task will be initiated once agency approval of the Final Plans and Specifications has been issued.

#### **OPEN BIDS**

Bids for the project will be opened approximately 30 to 45 days after the Advertisement for Bids has been published.

#### **AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

The Construction Contract will be awarded approximately 30 to 45 days after the Bids have been opened if adequate funding is secured.

#### **START OF CONSTRUCTION**

Construction will begin near the time the Contract has been awarded.

#### **END OF CONSTRUCTION**

Construction will be completed approximately twelve months after the beginning of construction.