

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. in the City of Claremont Department of Public Works building.

City Council members present were:

Scott Pope, Mayor  
Chris Irish, Assistant mayor

Councilors:

Bill Regan  
Andy Austin  
Heather Bopp  
James Neilsen  
Ralph Swift.

Bruce Temple, Director of Public Works discussed the Water Line and Reservoir system for the City of Claremont. The reservoirs were discussed as were the water lines interconnecting them. The water plant and water lines into the city were also discussed as was the Winter Street Water Main Project. The secondary parallel water line path was also explained to the Council.

The tour departed the Public Works office and stopped at the south side of the Coy Paper Mill Bridge. The Plains Road water main and road work project was discussed and it was noted that no less than nine breaks had occurred within the area in the past eighteen months, thus the need for this project's completion.

The Council then toured the city wastewater treatment plant where they were shown the control room and testing lab and all of the external treatment tanks. The tour was joined by Rob Lauricella of Aquarion who explained the waste water treatment process. It was noted that this facility runs at 25 to 30% of capacity. New equipment was shown such as the new belt system for separating solid wastes and sludge. The tour of the waste water treatment plant ended with a tour of the city composting facility.

The City Council then viewed the Bowker Street project and the drainage and road work was explained. The Council also viewed the Red Water Brook Road Bridge that was washed out in the October 2005 floods. Funds are being sought for the replacement of this bridge.

The City Water Treatment plant was toured and Rob Lauricella led a tour of the plant and explained the water treatment process from the initial "flocking" process to the sand filters and the final pumping process to the city water supply. The question was asked about water pressure leaving the plant; it is 60 to 80 PSI (pounds per square inch). New equipment, pumps, boilers and filters were shown to the Council members. The new water storage tank was also shown to the City Council and it was noted that it will be "on line" very soon.

The tour proceeded down Winter Street where boundaries of the Winter Street water, sewer and road work were explained.

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The Sugar River Drive Roadway Stabilization project was viewed and explained by Mr. Temple. The scope of the work yet to be done was explained to the Council members as well. This washout occurred in the October 2005 floods and was a part of the City's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding requests. The use of FEMA funds was explained and the reason this project is important was also discussed.

The Sims Street washout area, which was also washed out during the October 2005 floods, was also toured by the City Council. The scope of the damage was explained and the restoration process that has and will be occurring was also explained.

The tour proceeded to the City of Claremont Municipal Airport and was joined by Roger Hamel. The new airport hangar complex was toured as was the equipment hangar area. Questions were asked about the possibility of additional hangars in the future and this may be addressed by Airport Manager Peter Chase in the future.

The City Council toured the Water Street / Mill District Road project and was informed of the scope of work presently being done on the site. Work includes the current work on the water and sewer lines as well as the road work to prepare for future work in the area. The area toured was the "Mill Street" area directly behind the Peterson Building and later the entire length of Water Street.

Due to time constraints, the Ledgewood Project was not toured but will be discussed in a future update to the Council. The Brown Block project was also not toured due to time constraints and the "Taste of Claremont Event."

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Pope  
Mayor