City of Underwood

SPRING 2020

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City Hall Information
241 3rd Street, PO Box 40
Underwood, IA 51576
712-566-2373
Monday through Friday
8:30-11:30 a.m.
12:30-3:30 p.m.
City Council Meetings
Second Wednesday monthly at 6 p.m. If such day falls on City observed holiday, the meeting is to be held as posted.
Garbage Pick Up
Every Wednesday by 4 a.m.
City Bills
Due by the 20th every month.

Spring Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 18, 2020

Please have all items outside by the curb before midnight on Friday, April 17

WILL TAKE:

Regular items:
Furniture, newsprint, aluminum cans, tin cans, etc.

Appliances:
There will be a $20 charge per appliance. They do not need to be degassed.

Please CALL City Hall by Wednesday, April 15 by 3:30 PM to arrange for pickup and payment of these items.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO M&K MILLS.

WILL NOT TAKE:

Glass of any kind, car batteries, tires, batteries, dirt, oil, paint or paint products unless in hard form, large piles of wood (example: from construction or deconstruction), waste, rocks, or concrete.

NO EXCESSIVE PILES

Only items within city limits will be taken and NO outside garbage.

THANK YOU!

YARD WASTE:

Yard waste will be collected as long as it is bagged and tagged with the city's bags and/or tags.

Garbage Pickup Information

Garbage pickup is every Wednesday by 4 AM unless a holiday falls on that Wednesday.

Please set you garbage out the night before. Please do not park in front of the cans or too close to them so there is enough space for the garbage truck to retrieve the can. Please make sure your can is facing the street with the push bar towards the house. All garbage must be bagged and placed in a city distributed garbage can. Contact City Hall at 566-2373 if you have any questions.

Sewer Department

The following items should NEVER be flushed into the sewer system:

- ☐ Disinfecting wipes/baby wipes/moist towelettes
- ☐ Q-tips
- ☐ Toilet cleaning pads
- ☐ Mop or Swiffer-type refills
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products
- ☐ Disposable diapers
- ☐ Rubber gloves
- ☐ Cat toys, cat litter
- ☐ ANY ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER

Thank you for helping!

UNDERWOOD 2020 PROJECTS

Mosquito Creek Streambank Stabilization:

The City of Underwood applied and received a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) which is part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The project will stabilize the Mosquito Creek Streambank that lies near the wastewater treatment lagoon.

The flooding of March 2019 caused considerable deterioration of the streambank.

The project consists of removing trees and adding riprap slope protection for the streambank stabilization. Construction will begin on or after Thursday, April 9. The contract was awarded to Ring Construction. The substantial completion date must be constructed by September 2, 2020, due to the grant funding source requirements.

Lift Station #1

The Main Lift Station #1 will commence in May 2020. The March 2019 flood damaged much of the equipment. The contract was awarded to McCarthy Trenching. The work shall be completed by 12/31/2020.

Railroad Highway (Old Highway 191) Resurfacing:

Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors approved for Pottawattamie County Secondary Roads to resurface Railroad Highway. The anticipated start date is 7/13/2020. One lane will remain open to traffic. Expect delays with flaggers and pilot cars. The contract was awarded to Western Engineering. *Please see map on page 5.*

If you see a Pottawattamie County Board Supervisor, please thank them for approving the resurfacing! The Board members are Tim Wichman, Lynne Grobe, Justin Schultz, Scott Belt, and Marilyn Jo Drake.

Water Quality Initiative (WQI) Grant—North Street to Charles Street:

The City of Underwood applied for and received a matching grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). The anticipated work would potentially begin the summer of 2020 and be completed by June 30, 2021.

Workshops will be held for educational purposes. As the planning moves forward, information will be distributed to citizens. Check out the Urban Conservation website below about bioswales. More information to come in the next few months!

https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/urbanConservationBMP.asp

L66 Reconstruction, G30 to Tamarack Road:

The start date is June 22, 2020 with an anticipated completion date of October 30, 2020.
Please see map on page 5.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DONATES 40 GALLONS OF HAND SANITIZER/CLEANSER TO THE CITY OF UNDERWOOD

The Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors approved supplying the city with 40 gallons of hand sanitizer, that doubles as a cleanser. The product was made locally.

Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy (SIRE), an ethanol plant in Council Bluffs, turned their plant into making hand sanitizer available. Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisor, Justin Schultz was instrumental in the plant making this product.

It is not only used as a hand sanitizer, but can also be used as a surface cleaner. It takes 4-5 mist sprays and rub your hands together as you would with hand sanitizer.

Remember, the best practice is still washing your hands for cleansing. This is a great product to have in the event handwashing is not possible.

Underwood City Hall will have times available daily from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday to bring your own small spray/mist bottle to have filled. Please call 566-2373 to schedule a time to come. This will accommodate social distancing.

Pictured Left to Right: Tim Wichman, Chairman-Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors, Cindy Sorlien-City Administrator/Clerk, Bob Dose, Underwood Mayor Pro Tem.

Building Permits

Go to www.underwoodia.com and click on the Building Permit tab.

Click on the Building Permit Application that **pertains** to your project or call City Hall at 566-2373.

Please note that building without a permit doubles the cost of the permit.

JUNE 2ND, 2020
PRIMARY ELECTION

Avoid the Crowd, Skip the Lines;

Vote Absentee by Mail

Have you requested your Primary Ballot YET?
If you plan to vote in the Primary Election, we are encouraging you to vote absentee by mail!
We want to make it easy for you to get a ballot! Once we have your request, your ballot will be mailed to you when they become available.

HOW TO REQUEST:

WEB: POTTCOELECTIONS.ORG/VOTE/ABSENTEE

CALL: (712) 328-5700, OPTION 3

EMAIL: ELECTIONS@POTTCOUNTY-IA.GOV AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

Voter Registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 22ND

REGISTER ONLINE OR DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM @ POTTCOELECTIONS.ORG/VOTE/REGISTER

Railroad Highway Resurfacing

Contract Awarded to : Western Engineering

Start Date : 07/13/2020

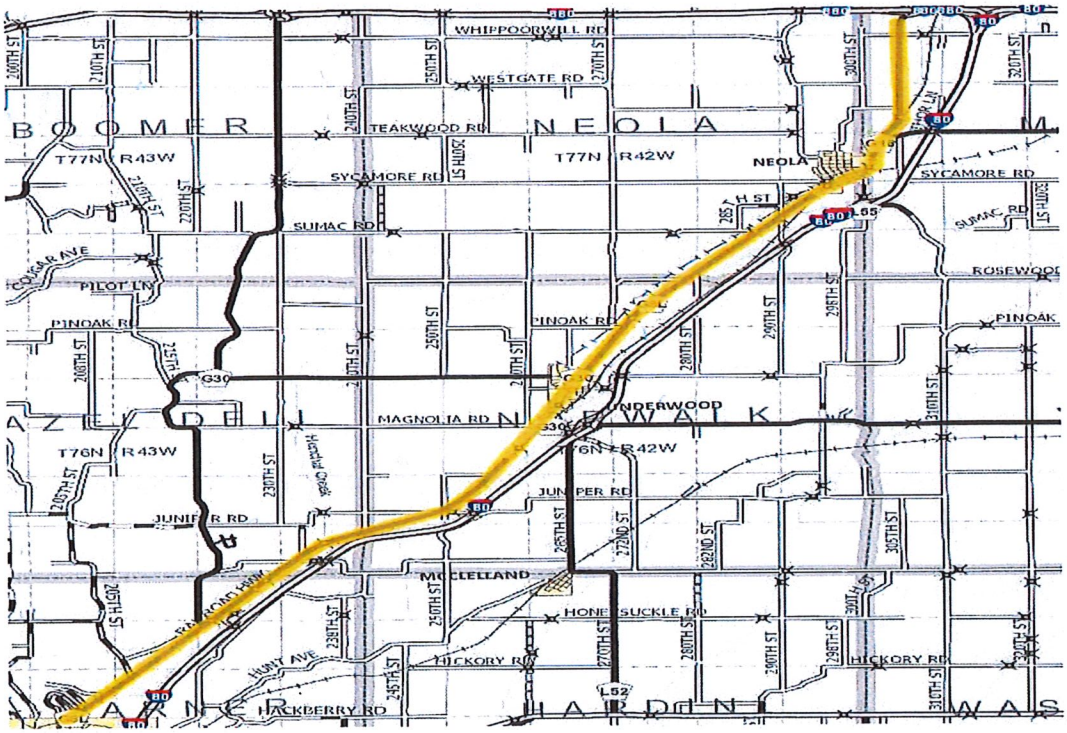
Contract Letting Date : February 18, 2020

Working Days : TBD

Contract Amount : $4.0 million

Paid for by the Road Use Tax Fund and made possible by the $0.10 gas tax increase in 2015.

One lane will be remain open to traffic, expect delays with flaggers and pilot cars.



L66 Reconstruction, G30 to Tamarack Road

Contract Awarded to : Western Engineering

Contract Letting Date : March 17, 2020

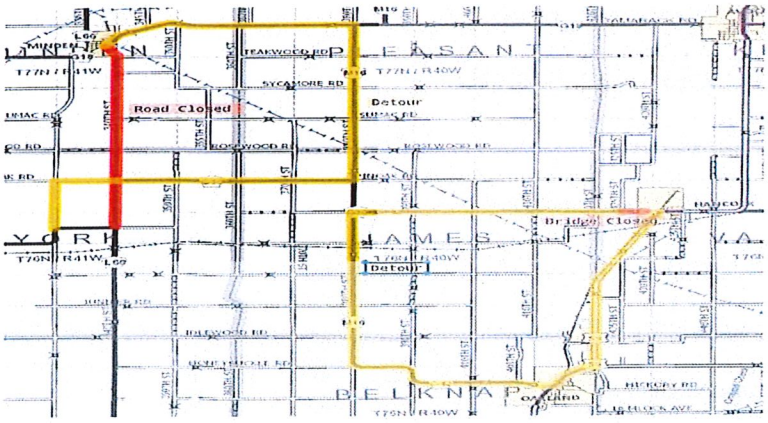
Start Date : June 22, 2020

Anticipated Completion Date : October 30, 2020

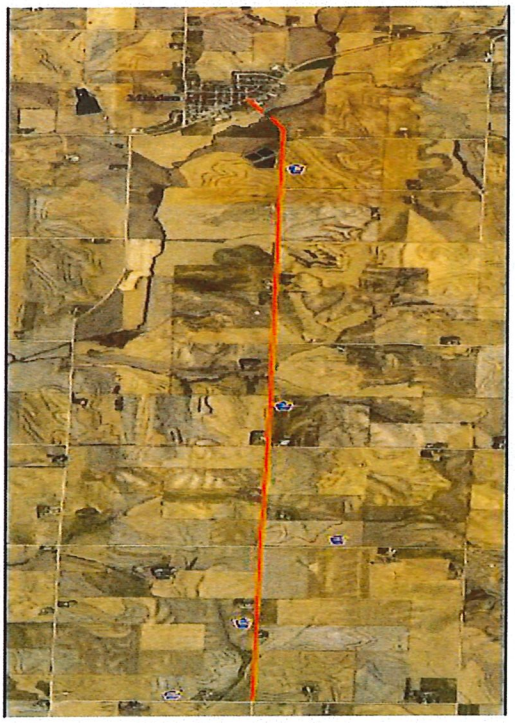
Contract Amount : $4.8 Million

Working Days : 95

Detour Route:



G30 Bridge Closure also shown.



Partially (33%) paid for by the Federal Aid Swap Legislation of 2017 (HF203) to Optimize State Funding.

Partially (66%) paid for by the Road Use Tax Fund and made possible by the $0.10 gas tax increase in 2015.

CITY OF UNDERWOOD

YARD WASTE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SERVICES:

- Curbside Yard Waste Service Dates: April 15–October 20, 2020.
- Yard waste will be picked up the *same days as recycling*. Yard waste must be at the curb the night before.
- For the recycling calendar go to www.underwoodia.com.

BAGS:

- Yard waste must be placed securely inside biodegradable yard waste bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- Bags must not weigh more than 40 lbs.
- Branches & brush must be placed in yard waste bags.
- Branches must be 2 inches in diameter or less. Bundles must not be more than 4 feet long and must not weigh more than 40 lbs.

YARD WASTE IS DEFINED AS:

- Grass, Leaves, Garden Waste
- Twigs, Brush, & Branches 2 inches or smaller in diameter

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL:

- Litter, Trash, Garbage
- Street Sweepings, Sand
- Kitty Litter, Pet Manure
- Any of the above items co-mingled with yard waste
- Un-bagged or unbundled Items - Bags / Bundles in excess of 40 lbs.
- Bundles over 4 feet in length / Branches over 2 inches in diameter.

**You may choose to purchase "IWS" bags or bags of your choice.

If you choose to purchase your own bags, they MUST have an "IWS" tag on them.

Bags may be purchased for $11.25 per bundle of five

Tags may be purchased for $8.75 per bundle of five

Bags and Tags may be purchased at CITY HALL.

CEMETRY

There has been some vandalism at the cemetery. A flag was stolen from the this week and debris left.

Please keep your eyes open and let City Hall know if you see anything out of the ordinary.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Please **DON'T** put trash in any drainage ditch or grass clippings in ditches.

This can cause multiple problems for citizens.

It clogs the storm sewers.

SEWER/GARBAGE BILLING

Sign up for E-bills or Automatic Payments, please call City Hall at 566-2373

or send an email to: underwood@walnutel.net

Ordinance 135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON. It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injury any person, animal or vehicle. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)*

Don't put grass clippings on the streets. It will take all of us to make sure that the storm sewer flows without any form of clogging.

The City does not have a dump. It is not ok to place them in the North Street Ditch, nor North Street to Milwaukee, nor Charles Drive. This clogs the storm sewers.

TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS™

PROTECT OUR SEWERS

Sewer - DO'S

☐ Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes. Disposable diapers and personal hygiene products DO NOT belong in the sewer system.

☐ Avoid the release of hair into the shower, bathtub or sink drains to prevent clogs in traps and drains.

☐ Place liquid fats, oils and grease into a jar or container and dispose in the trash. Wipe down greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing in the sink or dishwasher.

☐ Use a strainer over the drain in your sink, tub and shower. Then empty the collected material into the garbage.

☐ Keep your clean outs exposed so that your pipes can be inspected and maintained.

Flushing your trash can lead to service interruptions and expensive repairs to home and municipal plumbing lines. When a clog or break down occurs, untreated sewage can back up into your home, your neighborhood or our waterways.

City Hall is open but closed to the public. We are operating via email, phone calls and the drop box.

Virtual Field Trips To Do At Home

San Diego Zoo https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/

Houston Zoo Face Book Page https://www.facebook.com/houstonzoo/

Cincinnati Zoo Face Book Page https://www.facebook.com/cincinnatizoo/

Atlanta Zoo Panda Cam https://zooatlanta.org/panda-cam/

Decorah Eagles Cam https://explore.org/livecams/bald-eagles/decorah-eagles

The Louvre https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne

Boston Children's Museum https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/museum-virtual-tour

The British Museum https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/

Uffizi Galleries https://artsandculture.google.com/story/cQVh5Rbqa2Q3dg

Easter Island https://artsandculture.google.com/story/4wXhfs-0ooroMQ?hl=en

Surface of Mars https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/

International Space Station Tour https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/suni_iss_tour.html

Virtual Dives https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/channel-islands/virtual-dive-with-sea-lions.html

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