

1. Water at SpaceX. What is the source of the water at SpaceX? For example, we know that SpaceX uses a significant amount of water, but where does it come from? Does it all come from the well, or does some of it originate from our Bluebonnet water supply? Is the water at SpaceX potable? For years, we were under the impression that the water at SpaceX was not drinkable. Is this still the case? Is SpaceX paying the same rate for water as other commercial users?

Most of the water used on the McGregor Industrial Park comes from wells on the property. A minimal amount is provided by the Bluebonnet water supply. All the water is potable. Historically, water at MIP was not great, but it was always drinkable. It is now as good as any in town due to more use and the monthly “flushing” program that has been in place for 10 years. The SpaceX water rate is the same water rate paid by other commercial users.

2. SpaceX noise. We know that there are limitations on the sound that can be created by rocket testing. But are there also limits on the size of the rocket motors that are tested? If so, what are those limitations?

There is not a limitation on the size of any single rocket motor. There is a limitation on the total thrust of any single test that is allowable on sight at the Falcon Booster Test Stand. That limitation is a cumulative total of 5 million pounds of thrust per any single multiple motor test.

3. Use of Technology for meeting access. We need to consider what options we have to make our meetings accessible via technology such as zoom or even what we were using during the pandemic. People appreciated the ability to listen to our meetings, without having to attend. For example, most people are aware that Waco has a public TV station that carries all of its meetings. It is not that we need a TV station, but access to our meetings would be appreciated. Let us consider our alternatives. Can the meetings be recorded and linked to our website for later viewing/listening?

We will review our alternatives and report back to Council during the budget process.

4. Street Priority. Our last streets update was around the first of the year. Please ask Paul to prepare another update for us. One of the primary issues is an explanation of how the list of street priorities was established, and where are we on addressing the priority list. Within this topic, we would like to know more about the asphalt. What is the determining factor as to which streets receive the asphalt first, and in what order, and what is the timeframe for asphaltting all the streets that we are repairing? Some people think that the priority list for asphalt is based on demographics or income level. Please make sure that Paul addresses this issue.

A street assessment was performed prior to the 2016 CO project kicking off. This was to determine what streets were the worst, and basically have a plan in place when it came time to start rebuilding the roads. During the preliminary stages, it was recognized that many of our water and sewer mains were in poor condition. This led us to coordinating water and sewer line repairs along with street rebuilding. This was one of the main contributors to the street ranking process. All three were assessed: water, sewer, and street conditions. Each street was individually driven and ranked from 1-3, 3 being the worst. The Utility department ranked the water and sewer lines based on historical data. The City and our engineering firm intertwined the three to determine the streets to be considered in the 2016 CO project. The initial intent was to resurface all streets that would receive new water and sewer, followed by as many as we could on the master list that was generated. It was intended from the start to resurface each street with the chip seal process seeing that it would be less

expensive, but sufficient, to resurface in agreement with City Engineering firm. It was determined that we could cover more streets at the cost of chip seal versus asphalt with the 2016 CO money. The goal was to resurface as many streets as possible with the funds provided. It was also intended that all residual funds would be utilized to asphalt the streets that had been chip sealed in the 2016 CO project. It has always been the intent to apply the asphalt overlay following the chip seal with funds remaining at the end of the 2016 CO project.

The order of street repairs is based on the initial assessment performed at the beginning of the project, which was updated after the CO project was completed. The plan remains to perform the chip seal prior to asphalt if needed. It has been confirmed by our engineers that it is a better moisture barrier than asphalt alone. City engineers have advised that this is the procedure that TxDOT has begun using on many of their projects. Some of our streets have adequate base and are not in need of reconstruction. Those streets may be overlaid with asphalt rather than chip sealed. The timeframe for completion is determined by the weather. This year our progress will be delayed due to the unusual wet weather we have experienced. The goal is to get as many streets as possible completed, and to get the City streets in better condition. Weather permitting, we hope to asphalt and/or chip seal approximately an additional 70 blocks of streets.

This entire process has been based solely on the condition of the streets. The ranking process has never used demographics as a factor. Depending on how the street is ranked is how and when it is to be repaired. Therefore, Public Works will follow the assessment ranking order as best they can because that is the best way to insure everyone is treated equally.

5. Bewley Park appears to be the only park that has not received improvements. Do we have a plan for making improvements to Bewley, such as updated playground equipment, and doing something useful with the old tennis courts?

A new unit playground was installed at Bewley Park several years ago. It was the 2nd or 3rd unit we installed that was purchased by the MEDC. Older equipment that was still serviceable was also left in place. The old Tennis Courts will be removed and replaced with a 4-way basketball court similar to those in Amsler Park. We anticipate the court will cost approximately \$80,000 and this cost can be considered during the upcoming budget process.

6. Dogs at Large. There is a pack of dogs that are constantly loose around E. 2nd St. in front of a green house. Please have our ACO make regular rounds in this area to see that this issue is addressed.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Petrich has dealt with the owners of these dogs several times and issued a warning on dogs at large. The MISD Revolution group repaired their fence last year. The dogs were left there by the grandson months ago and he cannot be contacted. He has moved to Stephenville. Our ACO has spoken to the daughter, and she is preparing a statement to release the dogs to the ACO for abandonment. We anticipate having the dogs removed by the end of June 2021.

UPDATE 6/18/21: The problem dog has been caught and taken to the shelter in Waco. The fence has been repaired to contain her smaller dogs. ACO is still checking area for loose dogs.

7. Homestead Exemption for over 65. Please explain the City's status on providing a property tax exemption for people over 65. What does the law allow, and what is the city's position?

The City of McGregor currently offers a \$5,000 exemption for 65 and older. The State of Texas does not require this exemption but if it is offered, it sets a minimum of \$3,000. There is no other limit. The City's position is \$5,000 for over 65.

8. Water Rates. Most are resigned to the fact that our water rates are high. During budget time, let us make sure to discuss whether we have any options of easing the burden, such as tinkering with the demand charge and the time for payment.

Our current plan is to leave our rate structure in place as it was adjusted last year. We will analyze any options the Council wishes to review.