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# Street & Utility Improvements – 2017 (7<sup>th</sup> Ave., 9<sup>th</sup> St., & 11<sup>th</sup> St. SW) Newsletter

## Construction includes:

- Sanitary sewer and service lines
- Watermains and service lines
- Storm sewer
- Concrete street construction
- Driveways and sidewalks
- Turf restoration
- Private utility relocations

## Construction schedule:

Start: June 12, 2017  
Finish: November 3, 2017

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## Overview

As you know, the City of Pipestone is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St., 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., and 11<sup>th</sup> Street SW from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. to east of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The project includes full reconstruction of the street surfacing and underground utilities. Work began on June 12, 2017.

## Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received on May 18, 2017, and the project was awarded to Quam Construction Company, Inc. from Willmar, Minnesota on May 22, 2017.

Quam Construction is currently working on the underground utility construction and on the pavement section (gravel and concrete) is to begin soon. The contract completion date for the work is November 3<sup>rd</sup> with an interim completion date of September 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the street construction for access to the school from 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Currently Quam Construction is expected to meet the completion date.

## Construction

### Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, wet concrete, etc. and often times are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise if you observe an unsafe condition please report it to our Construction Representative immediately.

### Access

During the next few weeks, as the road bed (gravel) and concrete pavement construction progresses along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street driveway access will continue to be limited. The Contractor will continue to make efforts to provide access when feasible. With the interim completion for the project to provide access to the school a rather large area of street will be under construction with limited access all at the same time. Cooperation with the Contractors work is requested in order to meet the timeline needed to reestablish the school access.

## Concrete Pavement

As the Contractor proceeds into construction of the street pavement, sawing of joints is a critical step in establishing a durable concrete street. The timing of the saw cutting is especially important and may need to occur at inconvenient hours, including late evening or at night. Without proper sawing, risk of random cracks increases, which would further delay access for repairs.



**Alert**

## Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. With complications requiring a longer shutoff period, residents will be notified by a notice delivered to your front door.

## Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping or irrigation systems in the right-of-way, it is not the contractor's responsibility to work around them. The property owner is responsible for securing these private improvements and moving them if necessary to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Please contact Bolton & Menk at the number listed above if you have concerns about your property and the potential construction impact.



**Questions**

## Private Utilities

Private Utility Companies have also been working in the area to relocate their lines. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City but is necessary to prepare for the proposed construction. We understand that this work has resulted in some rather disruptive and messy conditions, and we ask that you please be patient as the various contractors work to complete their individual portion of the improvements.

## Service Line Connections

Sewer and water services will be constructed as close as possible to your property line as part of the city project. Homeowners will be responsible for hiring a contractor to make the sewer and water connections between the property line and the house if replacement is desired. If you have an existing city service, your service will automatically be re-connected.



**Contacts**

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be mailed to you periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Travis Winter at the phone number or email address listed.