

Council Notes-October 12, 2011

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- Arcadis Engineering presented the results of its Water Distribution Study at the Nov. 3rd agenda meeting. The report concluded that the town's system is sufficient to meet current needs. However, Arcadis recommended several important system upgrades: increase fire flow at specific hydrants in the town; replace PVC lines in Hidden Brook and Carriage Hill that suffer chronic breakages; and, establish an emergency water connection with WRUD. The Town is already addressing fire hydrant improvements and working with WRUD on an emergency connection. Replacing PVC lines in Hiddenbrook and Carriage Hill is a long-term option due to costs, which will be in excess of \$2 million.
- Recreation Director Jarred Thompson reported his initial research on switching from a chlorine to a salt filtration system at the pool could save the town money; Public Works Director Loretta Hopper recommended constructing a new public works building at the Transfer Station as the most cost effective and practical solution to upgrading the facility; and, Town Manager Honna Rogers reported on her recent meeting with EPB regarding notification procedures for downed trees and power lines as well as general outages.
- Citizens are asked to report power outages and downed lines to EPB at 648-1372 or email EPB.net/outages, if possible. Citizens are also asked to notify town dispatch at 886-2123. Neither the town nor EPB is always aware of problems. Under no circumstances should citizens or town employees approach downed lines to cut back trees, even in cases where roads are blocked, until EPB has been notified and has disconnected the power.
- The town welcomes new employees Jonathan Schoap, Heath Gunter and Donnis Boochie in Police, Joey Anderson in Fire, Hayden Hicks in Water, and UTC intern Rebecca Buxton.