



Alpine City Council

CITY MANAGER REPORT – MARCH 17, 2020

COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease 2019

Output from meeting with Judge, Mayor, Hospital and Law Enforcement earlier today

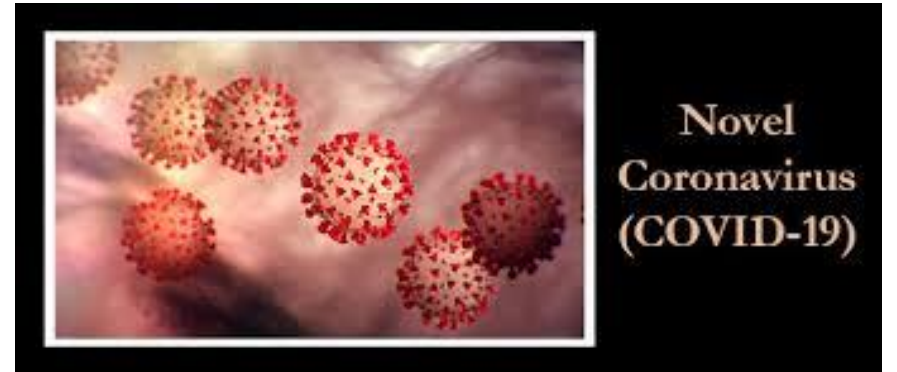
- Local Healthcare Capacities
- Local Establishment Hours of Operation
- Food Resources
- Travel and Tourism (National and State Parks)
- Schools and Universities

PSA from County Judge

City Manager Blog Updates

City of Alpine Updates

- Follow CDC Guidelines
- Postponing Board/Commission Meetings for the next month
- Continue to deliver Water, Wastewater, Gas and Sanitation Services
- Employees utilize Sick Time or Comp Time if Ill
- Work from home if applicable
- Visitor Center update



TxDOT Freight Study Meetings

Meetings Held on March 6th and 7th in Presidio and Ft. Stockton

Tim Juarez (Manager/Director) from TxDOT over International Trade and Border Planning was there and appeared to be the top ranking team member from TxDOT.

The session was interactive and gave the attendees an opportunity to vote on three different items/polls directed to understand the communities greatest concerns/interests.

It's apparent that the Freight truck flow and volumes coming out of Presidio (on Hwy 67) will overwhelm the road and it needs to be redeveloped into 4 lanes or add significant passing lanes along the route. The first 40 miles north of Presidio are hilly and this will certainly pose challenges.

The topic of bypasses was also discussed and Tim (plus his right hand guy Giacomo) will be the primary ones to help us facilitate those activities further. Tim seemed to understand fully that the increased traffic is going to cause significant burdens on many of the traversing communities. I volunteered (on behalf of the City) to be on the Border Master Plan Committee which will help plug us in further to the process.

Freight Study (continued)



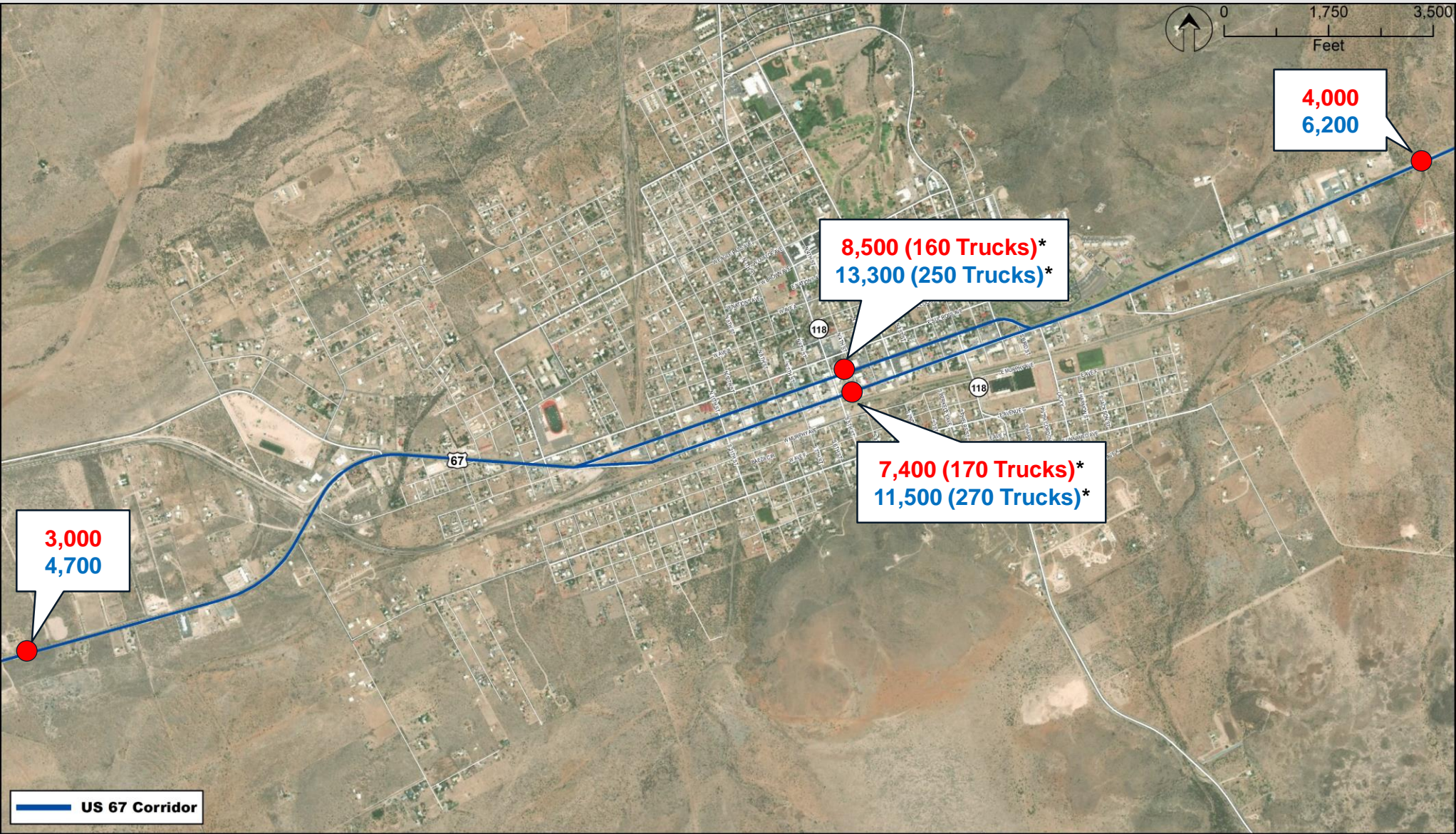
Also had discussion on USDA taking action on certifying Presidio as a check-point location which would allow the produce just to the south of the border come up through the Presidio crossing. That gets produce into the US quicker (less impact of bumpy roads in Mexico) and also gives HEB and Kroger a reason to send trucks this way....

Justice of the Peace David Beebe also discussed needing DPS to create a truck check station (or technology check station) to help eliminate the 'unfit' and heavy trucks. Many others thought that was a good idea and needed to be pursued as well.

It was also brought up the question of where TxDOT was with dollar allocations or appropriations relative to these 'needs' / projects. My sense is there has not been any real dollars allocated yet, but it's time to start.

The Transmigrantes are going to cause some issue to Presidio if they are allowed to pass into Mexico at the Presidio checkpoint. If they can start crossing in Presidio it will add traffic to Hwy 90 and Hwy 67 through Alpine, Marfa, Valentine, etc... Many times the Transmigrantes will stop for extended periods to resupply before going through the border checkpoint. That could pose some real issues for Presidio. Mayor John Fergusson is concerned there is not the infrastructure on the Presidio side to accommodate. More to come on that issue.

2017 and Projected 2045 Traffic Data in Alpine



2017 Weekday Volume
2045 Projected Weekday Volume

- 2017 data was collected in October and November 2017
- Volumes were grown at a rate of 2 percent per year

**Vehicle classification data was taken at these locations. Truck volumes include medium and heavy trucks.*

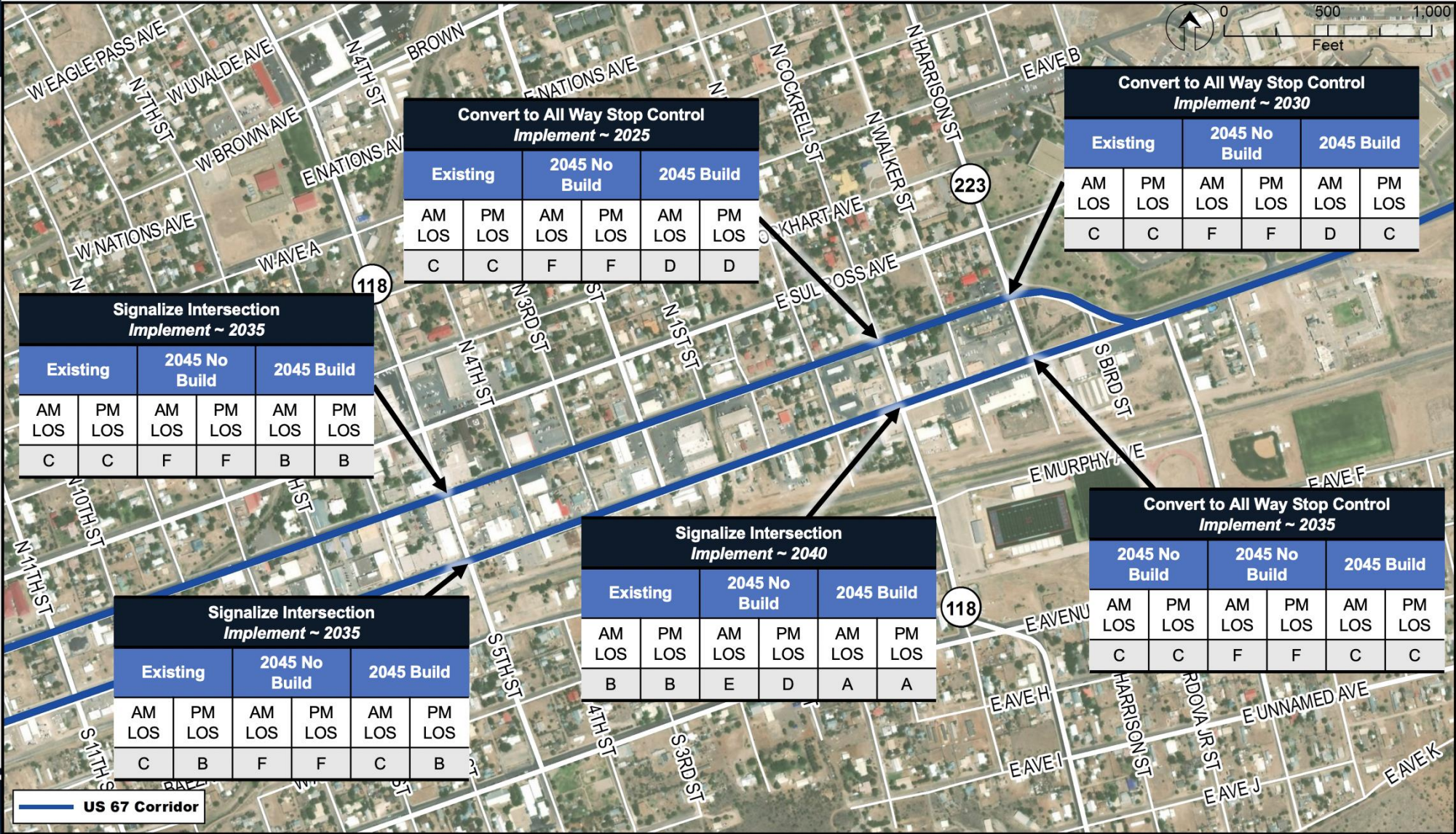
Core Concepts –Improvements Based on Projected Traffic Growth

- Due to the projected increase in traffic in 2045, nine intersections within Alpine worsen to a failing level-of-service (LOS) of E or F
 - US 67 & Cherry Street
 - W Avenue E & 11th Street
 - Holland Avenue & 11th Street
 - E Avenue E & 5th Street
 - Holland Avenue & 5th Street
 - E Avenue E & Cockrell Street
 - Holland Avenue & Cockrell Street
 - E Avenue E & Harrison Street
 - Holland Avenue & Harrison Street
- Concepts were developed as part of the US 67 Corridor Master Plan to improve the LOS at these locations in the future

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D	E	C	D

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Add Northbound and Southbound Left Turn Lane on 11 th Street Implement ~ 2040			
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Transportation Vision Plan

To better serve residents of Alpine, now is a good time to consider creating a Transportation Committee to further study the impacts of freight and what steps we need to take to keep downtown Alpine healthy and vibrant

Federal and State grant dollars are available

TxDOT also has a variety of tools (ie, ByPass planning tools) and other resources to help solve issues of the future

It's A Great Day To Be In Alpine



Utilities Department

SCOTT PERRY – DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

17 MARCH 2020

Current Events

General Operations / Engineering – In early March 2020, city staff met with Kirt Harle and Charles Keith from Jacob & Martin Engineering to discuss details regarding a contract for General Engineering Services for the Utilities Department and the City of Alpine. Some of the services that are being provided include preparation of renewal application for the WWTP, Evaluate current SCADA system to plan for upgrade and replacement, feasibility study at the WWTP to identify & prioritize repairs needed propose a plan of action, stormwater permitting procedures and technical assistance with the process controls at the WWTP.

Fire Line Tap @ Old Gringo – City crews worked diligently to install a 6 inch tap for a fire line to serve the Old Gringo Bar & Grill. The project was scheduled to be completed on Feb.28th, but the contractors working on behalf of the business owners were not completed with their portion of the project until March 9th. There was also some damage noted to our water main and tap saddle that was caused by the contractors as well, but communication on this matter has been inconclusive. The project is completed and concrete for the sidewalk has been scheduled for replacement.

Proposed Sewer Service / Feasibility Study (East City Limit & Hwy Corridor) – Due to a series of events and public inquiries regarding sewer service on the East side of Alpine, I am coordinating with J&M Engineering to conduct a feasibility study and determine exactly what the needs of the City & community are, and how best to address them. The primary catalyst for this endeavor began when a group of residents in the far east/south east side of town were told there would be sewer service provided once they were annexed into the city limits approx. 10 years ago.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Automated Bar Screen to be located at the headworks of the WWTP is to be delivered on March 17th or 18th of this month. This unit was purchased to aid in the removal of inorganic solids from the influent flow and reduce bulking/loading in the plant and ensuring the healthy environment is provided so that the plant may operate as designed. The original “bar screens” are beyond antiquated, and are not adequate to remove the solids required at the head of the plant, causing a series of serious issues for the plant resulting in short-circuiting and operating violations.



Staffing

The City of Alpine is please to welcome two new employees to the team this month. Richard Wiley started with the city at the beginning of March, and Shane Evans will begin employment on March 16th, 2020. Mr. Wiley comes to us from Texas Disposal Systems and previously worked at the WWTP, where he will again be stationed. Mr. Evans comes to us from Clear County, Colorado, where he served as Engineering Tech for Clear County, CO. Both individuals bring many years of experience in public service and I believe they will fill the vacancies quite nicely. There are currently NO vacancies in the Utility Dept.

Groundwater / Well Fields

During the last 30 days, the city has had pump or motor failures at three (3) wells that will require motor & pump replacement. As these issues were being addressed, we discovered that several joints of the “drop pipe” that holds the pump/motor were deteriorated beyond the point of diminishing returns and are being replaced. The effected wells are as follows:

Roberts Well # 1, Roberts Well # 3 and Roberts Well #5.



Groundwater / Well Fields (continued)

In addition to these matters, we are currently exploring the possibility of refurbishing & placing Musquiz Well # 9 back in service. This well produces more than 120 gallons per minute and is a better option than repairing a couple of wells we have that only produce roughly 40-45 gallons per minute each. I will keep the council informed of changed as they occur.



Airport

In recent weeks, I have been in correspondence with Micheal Van Vliet w/ TxDot Aviation regarding the possibility of adding the AWOS and NAVAID concerns to the current scope of work that the grant that is currently underway covers. This is a critical matter that is being pushed to address in a timely manner before component failure occurs due to its age and inability to procure parts for repairs.

In other matter, there are some deferred maintenance and housekeeping issues that are currently being addressed such as a leaking swivel on the Jet A fuel pump, diagnostics of fuel pumps to check for any issues currently unknown, removal of junk, debris and improperly stored objects, among others.

Public Works Department

EDDIE MOLINAR – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

MARCH 17, 2020

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Streets

Our goal is to pave 15 blocks every month weather permitting or equipment breakage. As soon as these first 17 blocks are completed, I will notify Council. I will also provide council members with a list of the following 15 blocks that we plan on seal coating. This will allow council to keep track of the advancement we have made in our seal coating project. These are the first 17 blocks of our 100-block list:

- West Sul Ross between North Cockrell and North Harrison: 2 Blocks
- North 2nd between East Holland and West Sul Ross: 2 Blocks
- North 4th between East Sul Ross and East Lockhart: 1 Block
- East Lockhart between North 7th and North 5th: 2 Blocks
- North 6th between West Avenue A and West Lockhart: 2 Blocks
- North 11th between West Avenue E and West Avenue A: 4 Blocks
- West Sul Ross between North 11th and North 13th: 1 Block
- North 7th between West Sul Ross and West Lockhart: 1 Block
- West Sul Ross between North 7th and North 8th: 1 Block

Streets (continued)

This year we are using two new methods which will help us with the preparation of the streets before we seal coat them. These two new methods are:

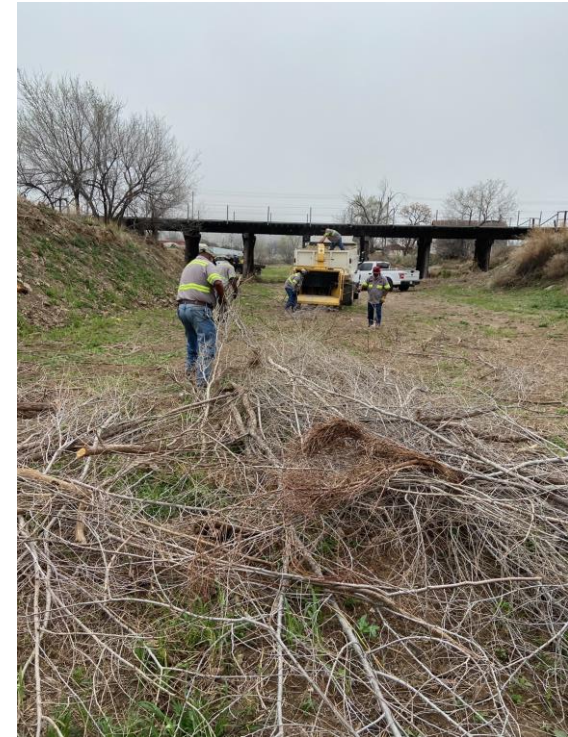
Tight blade will improve the smoothness of the surface.

Priming streets with MS-2 emulsion asphalt will be used to seal streets and alligator cracks within the streets.

We should consider installing curbs around radiuses and certain intersections to stop erosion in radiuses.

Creeks

Last physical year we cleaned the creeks three times to avoid dirt and debris buildup. To allow the dirt and debris to flow easily as well as have extra material to cover creek banks. Many citizens have made comments on how they enjoyed the creeks being cleaned. It made their walk through the creeks far more enjoyable. We are looking into the process of installing water drains at East Brown St., South 7th St., and South Neville Haynes St. to improve water drainage.



Parks

Robert and his team are in the process of activating 12 more sprinklers on International Field and soccer field for better irrigation.

The team has also installed 10 'Dogipot' Waste Dispensers throughout the city parks and in front of the depo parking lot.

The streets and parks departments are working together to clean, install an irrigation system, a picnic table, and a water fountain at Nopalito Park.

The team also worked together to prepare all fields including the seven practice fields.

Recycle Center

With regards to the Hal Flanders Recycling Center, we have helped with mulching, with the installation of signs and oil dispenser.

The recycling center and the street department have teamed up with TDS to haul trash a brush found around dumpsters and alleys.

To date, we have hauled 6 loads which is equivalent to 24 tons to maintain trash around the city minimum.

Alpine Police Department

Quarterly Report

January – February – March
2020



The Alpine Police Department welcomes Zachary Bakewell
To the force.



The Alpine Police Department also welcomes Shelby Hedgepeth to communications

Municipal Court

Warrant Round-up scheduled for May 12, 2020

May 12th officers will be in force, attempting to locate individuals with outstanding warrants. The individuals will be arrested and will be booked into the Brewster County Jail where they will go before a Judge.

If you have a warrant, the Police Department is encouraging you to contact the city courts to take care of the warrant before May 12th.

Capital Improvements

All Donated to the Alpine Police Department:

\$1252.00 for the purchase of Tasers

\$1200.00 for the purchase of body armor carriers

15 Tactical raid vest and a tactical entry shield

Concept 2 Rower Machine

Events

Harlem Globetrotters

Job Expo (Marfa)

Knights of Columbus March for Life

Right to Choose March

USMS Hero Honor Run 2020

Chat with the Chief

Freedom Motorcycle Riders

Training Received

Sexual Assault-Family Violence-Investigator SAFVIC

Solo Officer Rapid Deployment (SORD)

Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events (ERASE)

86th Legislative Update (83rd DA Office)

SFST Refresher

Crash Report Training (DPS)

Use of Force and Modern Policing (TML)

Resilience Strategies for First Responders (TML)

Interaction with Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SRSU)

Patrol Interdiction (USBP)

January

15 Citations

4 Accidents

43 Cases

10 Felony Cases

February

64 Citations

2 Accidents

28 Cases

6 Felony Cases

March

22 Citations

2 Accidents

6 Cases

1 Felony Case

As of 3/11/2020

Congratulations

Edward Cardoza

Promoted to Sergeant

January 12, 2020

Congratulations

Willys Drawe received the Intermediate Police Officer
Certification
and

Javier Bustamante received the Advanced Police Officer
Certification

From TCOLE