

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Public Inp2**

**Council to consider a claim in the amount of \$261.50 from Chuck Davey for personal property damage.**

**Staff Contact: Mark Bohl, Public Works Director**

January 28, 2015

To: City of Scottsbluff, Sewer Maintenance

From: Chuck Davey

Subject: Plugged sewer in city main in the 2100 Block, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

On January 9, 2015 my tenant at 2122 1<sup>st</sup> avenue advised me that the sewer was plugged and the basement had flooded. I had Budge-It Drain Service service my line. It was their finding that the obstruction was in the city line and that my line was clear.

The obstruction was grease. This has happened in the past and the source of the grease has been traced to upstream users. Unfortunately my property is the low place in the line and when a blockage occurs it backs up in my basement.

This occurred thru no fault of mine. I am asking you to reimburse me for the direct expenses I have incurred. The statement for Budge- It is attached.

Thank you for your attention,

Chuck Davey

Box 206

SCOTSBUFF

308-632-5767

**Budge-It Drain Service**

PO Box 746  
114 E 20th, St US

308-631-6523  
hess7wonders@gmail.com

**Invoice**

**BILL TO**  
Chuck Davey  
90156 Sugar Factory Road  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

INVOICE NO.	DATE	TERMS	DUE DATE	TOTAL DUE	ENCLOSED
4179	01/09/2015	Due on receipt	02/01/2015	\$261.50	

**P.O. NUMBER**  
2122 1st Ave

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Labor</b> Augured main sewer from cleanout in basement, ran 135' to city sewer no water went down, called city and had them look at there sewer line they ran there camera down and determined there sewer line was plugged with toilet paper and grease. City got through blockage and water went down in house			
<b>Labor:Main Sewer</b>	1	149.00	149.00
Main Sewer			
<b>Labor</b> Labor waiting for city to remove blockage spent 3.5 hours at house.	1.5	75.00	112.50
<b>BALANCE DUE</b>			<b>\$261.50</b>

*PAID*  
*1-24-2015*  
*# 5600*

## Cindy Dickinson

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**From:** Vicky Thomason  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:17 PM  
**To:** Cindy Dickinson  
**Cc:** Lynn Garton; Mark Bohl  
**Subject:** FW: Claim for 2122 1st Ave  
**Attachments:** 2122 1st Ave.pdf

Cindy, I was preparing to mail a letter to the owners of 2116 1<sup>st</sup> Ave where the root buildup still exists (Exhibit B). The owner of 2116 1<sup>st</sup> Ave is the same owner of 2122 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. that filed the claim. If the ownership information is correct, his own property contributed to this blockage.

We'll be mailing a letter out requesting their connection to the sewer main be cleaned.

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**From:** Vicky Thomason  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 11:48 AM  
**To:** Cindy Dickinson  
**Cc:** Mark Bohl; Lynn Garton  
**Subject:** Claim for 2122 1st Ave

Hi Cindy –

Here are the documents we have to provide Council regarding the claim filed for a sewer backup at 2122 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Let me know if you need anything else.

*Vicky Thomason*  
Utilities Admin Coordinator  
City of Scottsbluff  
2525 Circle Drive  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
[vlthomason@scottsbluff.org](mailto:vlthomason@scottsbluff.org)  
308-630-6258 or 6291

# Memo

**To:** Cindy Dickinson, City Clerk  
**From:** Lynn Garton, Water Reclamation Supervisor  
**CC:** Mark Bohl, Public Works Director  
**Date:** 1/29/2015  
**Re:** 2122 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sewer Call

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At approximately 9:45 A.M. Friday January 9, 2015 Vicky Thomason received a call from the plumber at 2122 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue stating that he had cleaned the sewer but thought he had gone beyond the lateral attached to the main and was still having problems with flow. Vicky contacted Tony Koerner with the collection crew and advised of the situation.

Tony and the collection crew arrived in the area at approximately 9:55 A.M. and performed a televised inspection of the line beginning from the downstream manhole and heading in the direction of the 2122 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. At approximately 167 feet down the line they found a lateral service line belonging to 2116 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue that had a protruding root mass where grease and toilet paper debris had collected restricting the flow in the mainline. (Photo A) They proceeded to follow the line past the obstruction at which time the camera dislodged the mass and the flow in the mainline returned to normal. (Photo B) The collection crew continued the inspection past the property with the initial complaint to the next upstream manhole with no other obstruction being found.

We will be sending a notification to the property owners of 2116 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue advising them of the root situation protruding from their lateral and asking them to remedy the condition at this location. This location has also been added to our annual root chemical application schedule that will be applied in the spring.

**City of Scottsbluff**  
**Wastewater Treatment Plant Sewer Call Work Record**

Reviewed by Supervisor: WLS

Date: 1-9-15 Time of Call: 9:45am Received By: Vicky Given to: Tony/Lynn Time Given: 9:47am

Caller: Steve W/Budget Drain Phone #: 631-6523 Owner if Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Location / Address: 2122 1st Ave

Work Request: Has cleared sewer but thinks he's gone beyond where city main is. Still having trouble.

**WORK PERFORMED**

Field employees must answer all items numbered 1 through 13 and turn the Work Record over to the Wastewater Supervisor for Review.

1) Time of Arrival: 9:55 am

2) Upon arrival, the following manholes were checked to determine what was happening in the City's collection system:

Between	And...	On (What St or Ave)	Flow in Manholes: Write what was found below.	Picture Taken Yes or No
Example: E 16 <sup>th</sup> St	E 17 <sup>th</sup> St	12 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Normal	Yes
E 22 <sup>nd</sup> St	E 21 <sup>st</sup> St	in Alley	Slow Flow; roots, Toilet paper, Grease	Yes

3) After checking manholes, what additional work was performed to correct this problem:

\_\_\_\_\_ I informed the customer that they will need to contact a plumber to assist them with their private lines as the City's manholes have been checked in the area and the flow is okay. Who did you inform \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_ I informed the plumber that they will need to take a closer look at the customer's private lines as the City's manholes have been checked in the area and the flow is okay. Who did you inform \_\_\_\_\_

or Cleaning performed: we ~~came~~ inspected north from manhole 8196, by E 21<sup>st</sup> St, about 167 feet and located a lateral with protruding roots and an excessive amount of toilet paper and grease attached to the roots. The camera was able to break up the ball of toilet paper and grease and flow returned to normal.

4) What did you find in the sewer lines or manholes? (grease/toilet paper, etc) Toilet paper, roots, and grease

5) Number of feet jetted: 0

6) If jetting was performed and the flows in manholes were normal, explain why we went ahead and jetted the City's main lines. The camera was able to break up the ball of toilet paper.

7) Did this location have flooding or damage occur of some sort? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Unsure X

8) If yes or unsure, did you provide them with the City's Letter from Management and EPA Brochure? no

9) Who did you give the letter and brochure to? N/A

10) Date Completed: 1/9/15 11) Personnel Time Involved 1.5 12) Sewer Jet Hrs Involved 0

13) Work Performed By: Tony Dale Logan

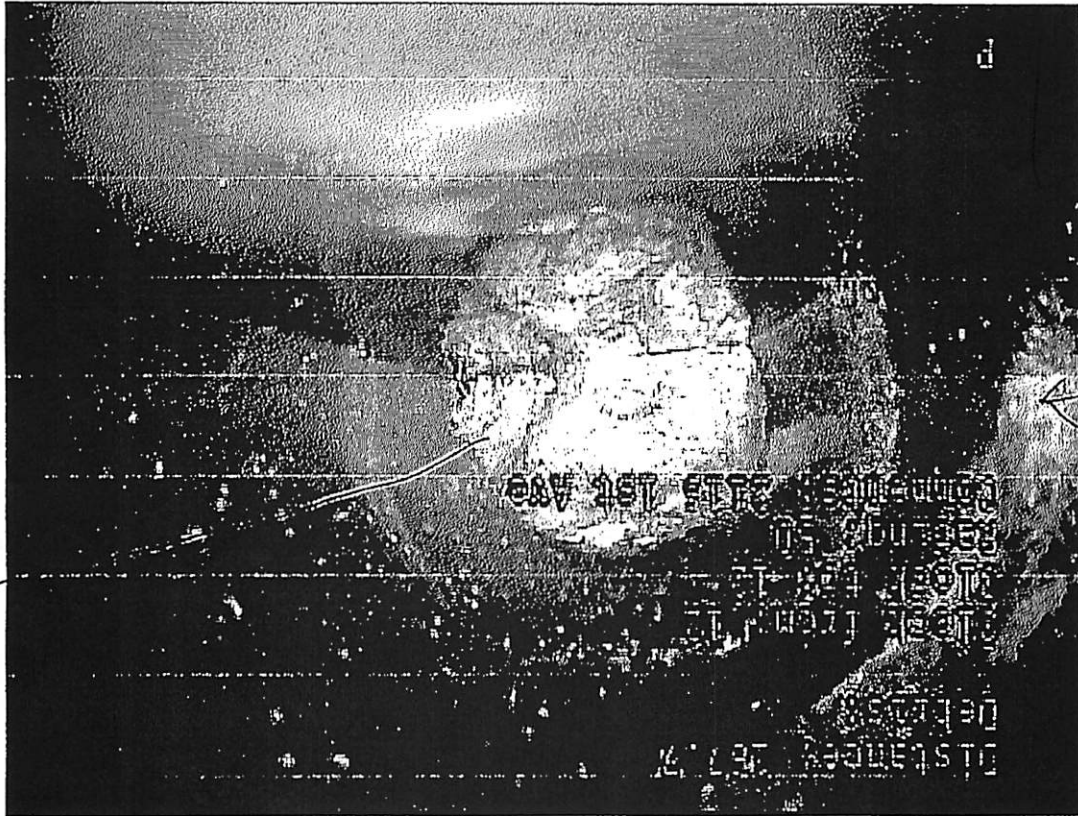
REMINDER, please do not put work order away until secretary has initialed it after recording.  
 Secretary initial here W Record # 0109191



2122 1st Ave



City of Scottsbluff  
 2525 Circle Drive  
 Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
 Phone: 308-630-6291



167.7 Debris Yes 12 / 12 2116 1st Ave

Distance	Length	Code	Reversed	Clock Pos.	Severity	Comment
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Observations

Comments

8105 Upstream node: 8106 Downstream node: Asset length: Sewer Call 2122 1st Ave Headline ID: Project Name: SEWER CALLS Start date/time: 1/9/2015 10:54:43 AM Weather: SNOW Operator: T.K.

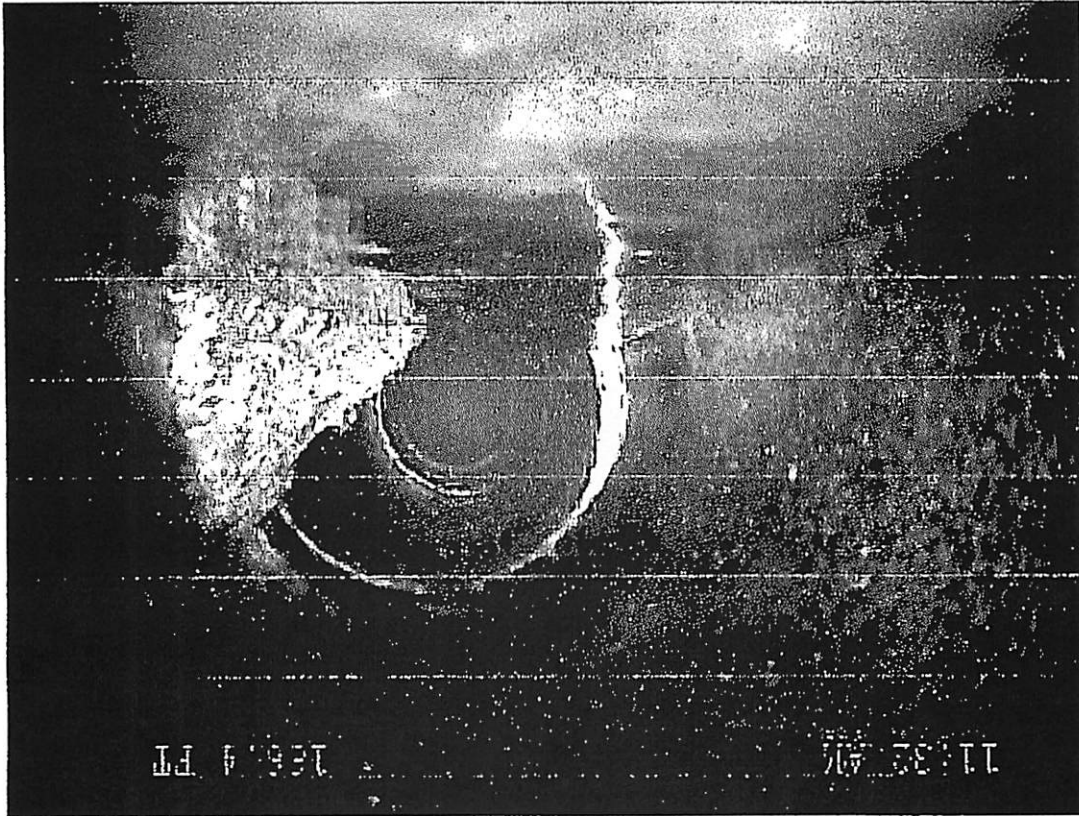
GraniteXP Observation Report with Still Images



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2525 Circle Drive  
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Phone: 308-630-6291

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11:32 AM 1:41 PM

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Asset length:	
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*Handwritten initials 'BJ'*