

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Firefighters at Station #1
Firefighters at Station #2
Firefighters at Station #3

Because of last year's opening of the new Station #3 (which was badly needed), each of the city's three fire stations is short one firefighter. The problem is playing havoc with the fire chief's personnel scheduling. At present, some firefighters are pulling back-to-back shifts on a rotating basis, a possibly dangerous situation for which the city must pay time-and-a-half overtime. Each added firefighter would cost \$60,000 in salary, benefits, and equipment.

Day Care Center

A city-funded day care center for low-income families has been proposed in order to allow single parents who are poor to get off welfare and find jobs or to go back to school or to get vocational training. Center advocates say that getting people off welfare will save taxpayers money in the long run. The center would be available only to single-parent low-income families. Staffing and equipment will cost \$120,000. Space is already available in one of the city's elementary schools.

Bramblewood Street Lights
Carlisle Street Lights
Cleveland Street Lights
Paxton Street Lights

Four streets (Bramblewood on the north side, Carlisle in the east, Cleveland near downtown, and Paxton on the south side) are without street lights. The residents and the police are concerned about crime, especially on Cleveland and Paxton (high crime areas). Also, many youngsters play outdoors in the evenings on Bramblewood and Carlisle, which are residential areas. One little girl was badly injured when hit by a car on Carlisle last September. Each street light project will cost \$30,000. Lights were installed on four other streets during the first year of the budget.

3rd Street Railroad Overpass
River Road river Bridge

The city engineer has found that eight bridges are overdue for repair. The worst two were fixed in the first year of the budget, with two more scheduled for repair in each year of the next three years. Failure to follow this schedule might mean that all six will have to be closed for a year or longer. Load limits on the Third Street and River Road bridges have already been reduced, forcing the fire department to detour to other streets, which delays their response time on some calls. Each bridge repair will cost \$240,000.

Old West Side Storm Sewer
Old North Side Storm Sewer

New housing developments on the northwest side have put additional strain on the old storm sewers, especially in the adjacent Old West and North sides. Heavy spring and summer rains invariably cause flooded streets and basements. Some people's yards become bogs with ruined lawns and flower beds. Residents in the area are very upset. I received strong support from both areas because of my pledge to solve the problem. Sewer repair for each area is \$120,000.

Douglas Park
Sbrochi Park

For some time it has been evident that the present park system is inadequate because of the many new families with young children living in this city. Douglas and Sbrochi parks have been delayed three times due to lack of funds. The city has received two federal grants of \$30,000 each to develop the two parks. But the grants depend upon the city matching the grants with an equal amount of money. Thus, if funding for one park is eliminated, the \$30,000 grant for the park is lost. Each park costs \$60,000 of which \$30,000 would come from the federal grant.

REMEMBER: Antitax sentiment in the community is running high. My opponent in the last election is already mounting a strong tax repeal drive.