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New Sewer Cleaning Truck Added to City of Wheeling Vehicle Fleet

WHEELING, W.VA. — The implementation of a preventative sewer maintenance schedule is the goal of City officials following the purchase of a Vactor 2100 sewer cleaning truck.

Public Works Director Russell Jebbia explained the new truck, which replaces a 1996 model, will allow the City’s Water Pollution Control Division to be more effective with a sewer line maintenance schedule.

“The technology that is a part of the new truck will allow it to run more efficiently and we should be able to address more sewer lines on a daily basis,” he said, noting that staff members will spend a minimum of eight hours in training learning to properly operate the new vehicle. “Regular maintenance of the sewers will help to minimize sewer line issues.”

Built on a 2020 Peterbuilt chassis that took eight months to construct, the truck is high tech with touchscreen panels inside and outside the cab, which makes it easier to operate. A wireless remote control is also an option. With a boom that swivels 180 degrees, the Vactor 2100 also has six cameras that will be utilized to examine inside manholes/sewer lines and can pump 100 gallons per minute with up to 2400 PSI. The pulsating feature works like a small jackhammer making it possible to break through clogs within the sewer line while the

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hydro-excavation feature will allow operators to dig small holes without the need for other equipment. The back end of the truck, with a capacity of 1300 gallons, will tip to empty, similar to a dump truck, Jebbia explained.

City Manager Robert Herron said, "The purchase of this very important new equipment, along with the refurbishment of another sewer cleaning truck already in the fleet, represents a \$565,000 investment in maintenance equipment which further emphasizes the City's commitment to appropriately maintaining its existing sewer system. In addition to projects underway and enhanced maintenance options, Wheeling's City Council will be considering additional sewer projects later this fall, which will continue that forementioned commitment to drastically improving our system and the environment."

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