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*If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there.*

Mayor Andy Arnold and the LaFayette City Council know the road to where we are going and are pleased with the progress of the Chattanooga Street project, one of the most significant infrastructure projects undertaken in recent years in Lafayette.

The first phase is main water line work with the ultimate plan to move all utilities (water, gas, and storm drains) from under Chattanooga Street before it is repaved so that future utility work will not require cutting into the pavement.

“The Chattanooga Street project is largely funded by SPLOST funds. We are honored that the taxpayers placed their confidence in us by making these funds available to perform the needed upgrades and advancements in our City infrastructure” says City Councilman Ben Bradford. “Especially exciting is that the City team rallied to take the majority of the project on in house in order to save a considerable amount of money and maximize taxpayer provided funds as opposed to all of the work being contracted out.”

City Councilman Chris Davis says “the utility systems in the city that deliver for example, water to residents, are actually very sophisticated, highly engineered, money intensive systems and infrastructure that require maintenance and upgrade and we want to always look for ways to keep them up and running. One example of a project in its final stages is the water tower project on Hickory Street. The contractors are working the north end of Chattanooga Street placing the water main that ties this new tank into the water treatment plant.”

“We trust that the residents of LaFayette recognize the improvements their tax dollars are making possible and will be patient with the construction zones, city work crews and any detours necessary to complete the work” says Mayor Andy Arnold.

The renovations of Chattanooga Street have required extensive planning and engineering to maximize the City's ability to increase future capacity and reliability of the systems. Increasing the challenge of an already complex project is the decades of bit by bit expansions and intertwined utility/drainage infrastructure that was undocumented and requires ongoing evaluation, engineering and economic consideration.

We feel like we are on the right road and hope our citizens and customers agree.

**Check out the pictures below and the informational video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/6RaWoEkJjWI>**

