

DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO City Council Members DEPT
FROM Jeff Gibson DEPT Director of Public Works
SUBJECT 96" diameter concrete pipe for Broadmoor project DATE March 3, 1989

The old 96" diameter metal pipes under Broadmoor at Rosemond were installed a little over 20 years ago. Approximately five (5) weeks ago, the Street Department realized that the pipes had rusted away and would have to be replaced. Since the original metal pipes lasted only a little over 20 years, it was decided that the pipes would need to be replaced with concrete. At about this time, we started having a lot of rain and the street started caving in and an emergency developed.

The City of Jonesboro has an open account with Jonesboro Concrete Pipe for the purpose of ordering concrete pipes for City projects. Whenever we need concrete pipes, we just call them up and tell them the size and length and they fabricate and delivery them to us.

We called Jonesboro Concrete Pipe and they told us it would take three (3) weeks to fabricate that size of pipe. Since we thought we had an open account with them and since it was important that they began fabrication immediately, we told them to proceed with the fabrication. Later we found out that the 96" diameter pipes were not included with their bids for 1988 contract.

While we were waiting for the pipes to be fabricated, the weather turned even rainier and the area caved in causing it to be even more dangerous and we had to block off almost half of the street. As soon as the weather cleared, the City blocked off the street and started removing the old pipes. The actual work to reopen the street to traffic only took about ten (10) days, but the emergency resulted because of the time it took to fabricate the pipes.

I am attaching a copy of the phone order with Jonesboro Concrete Pipe along with two (2) other phone bids to show the price comparisons.