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Residents along Washington Avenue in Grant were surprised to find piles of bright blue pipe along the curb last week. Work began on replacing the water main from 1st Street through 8th Street.

The subject of the necessary project has been visited many times by council members. The final decision to accept a bid was made during their July 12 regular meeting.

The cost of the project is not to exceed \$390,000 and includes replacement of the main along Washington as well as between 8th Street and 9th Street on Hancock—a section remaining from a previous project.

Council adopted an ordinance for water bond approval at their mid-June meeting. The city wanted to borrow money to get the project done while interest rates are as low as 3 percent and to avoid raising water rates for Grant residents.

Several breaks in the old main dating back to the 1930s have caused the necessary replacement.

Completion of the eight-block water main replacement project is slated for mid-October. The work is being done by Midlands Contracting of Kearney.

Residents are asked to cooperate with the project's efficiency by removing all vehicles, campers or trailers along Washington as workers get close to their block.

City Superintendent Tyson McGreer invites residents with questions or concerns about any digging in their yards to contact him at 352-2100.