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On one of the hottest days we've had thus far, workers began power washing Grant's water tower to begin the painting project scheduled for this summer.

The water tower is empty-, and city residents are asked to conserve water as much as possible in this heat because the city's wells are pumping 24/7.

The project will last several days and will probably wrap up the latter part of July if all goes smooth and the weather cooperates, said City Administrator Dana Harris.

In August 2012, Grant City Council members approved a 10-year contract with Utility Service Company, Inc., of Georgia to do the work.

The tank was scheduled to be painted inside and out this summer, with additional repairs being done.

As per the contract, repairs will include: Install standard ladder gate, install interior ladder, install overflow flapper and screen assembly, install access ladder and dome ladder cable safety climb, secure dome ladder, remove cathodic protection system and full seal weld roof holes, and install balcony mid-rail.

In the future, the 200,000 gallon water tank will be inspected and serviced annually to ensure that the structure is in a sound, watertight condition.

The water tower will then be taken out of service for at least four days every other year for the duration of the contract. It will be completely drained and cleaned to remove all mud, silt and other accumulations that might be harmful to the tank and its contents. The interior will be inspected and disinfected.

The company will repaint the interior and/or exterior as needed during the contract period.