

A SMALL CITY WITH BIG CHANGES

With significant growth and a Public Works Superintendent on the verge of retirement, Hickman's City Manager turned to Beehive Industries™ to help document and organize critical information.

THE CHALLENGE

When Silas Clarke arrived in the community of Hickman, Nebraska as the new City Manager, he faced a community that was struggling to keep up with consistent double-digit growth. To make matters more difficult, he was about to lose a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge with the retirement of his Public Works Superintendent.

The city's asset information was scattered—unorganized, in all formats, and certainly not optimized for efficient, productive use. As a new City Manager, Clarke was learily facing a significant challenge: Quickly get Hickman's data collected and organized in a system that would grow along with the community.

THE SOLUTION

Within six weeks, Beehive implemented its system and worked with the city to organize and map key pieces of information. Spreadsheets, PDF documents, CCTV video and even notecards were loaded into the Beehive system. Unique details of existing systems were geo-edited to ensure every piece of critical data was accounted for and nothing would be lost to a "changing of the guard." Now, the city is much better prepared to make decisions and manage the demands of a growing community.

THE OUTCOME

RISK MITIGATION

Beehive provided Hickman a system

that formalizes asset maintenance efforts and manages work orders for emergencies. This documentation helps reduce costs of legal fees for defense of sewer backups, and allows the city to responsibly prolong the life of its assets.

SUCCESSION PLANNING

In both the immediate and distant future, the city needed a succession plan in place. Beehive has helped Clarke protect valuable institutional knowledge that his existing staff has collected over the years. Water and wastewater systems have been effectively mapped, saving thousands of dollars in crew time and tens of thousands of dollars by avoiding damage to other assets that would have been affected by unaccounted, unique details in the system.

DOING MORE WITH LESS

With asset data collected and organized, the city is able to make data-driven decisions on property and other considerations to maximize its budget. Before Beehive, these decisions were made with very little information and political concern over fact-based needs for personnel, equip-



"THE BEEHIVE SYSTEM PAYS FOR ITSELF."

—Silas Clarke, City Administrator

AT A GLANCE

- Small city dealing with rapid growth and imminent staff turnover.
- Satisfied an immediate need to capture and organize critical information.
- Provided a solution for centralized data management.
- City can now proactively address risk mitigation, succession planning, and maximizing budget.

ABOUT BEEHIVE INDUSTRIES

Beehive is an infrastructure and asset management software company that helps cities maximize their productivity, improve efficiency, and make information-driven decisions.

Get in touch with us to learn how we can help your city operate productively and efficiently. We would be happy to tell you more about Beehive Industries and/or set up a demo to showcase our solutions.

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