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Myers Construction of Broken Bow, the crew working on the Broadway water main project, will be in town a little longer.

At last week's city council meeting, a change order was approved that gives Myers Construction the go-ahead to install a new 12-inch water main along 12th Street yet this fall.

The water main will run from Broadway east to Shorthorn Street.

The water main on 12th Street wasn't planned until next year, ahead of the paving improvements to be made on that street, as well as 9th and 5th Streets.

However, City Public Works Supt. Pat Davison recommended that the water main on 12th go in this fall.

"If we get the water main in this year, we'll be ahead to get the paving crew in here earlier next summer," he said.

It has been suggested by Miller & Associates, the city's engineer, to replace 12th and 5th Sts., with concrete paving. Milling and a two-inch overlay has been recommended on East 9th Street.

Myers will install the 12th Street water main for a cost of \$165,828. With the engineer's fee of \$14,437, the project totals \$180,265.

The city was not required to advertise for bids on the change order because revenue-producing utilities, such as water and electricity, do not receive tax support.

City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland said the city often chooses to seek bids, however, to get the best price.

Meanwhile, Myers Construction is completing the connection of services to homes and businesses along Broadway. The firm completed installation of the new water main on the west side of Broadway last week.

They are now completing installation of 20 meter pits along Broadway, through which the new services are run.

Terry Williams, an inspector with Miller & Associates, said Tuesday the state requires three water tests before the new water main can be put into use.

All three tests came back clean Tuesday, he said.

Williams said after all the installation work is complete on Broadway, the crew will do clean up, and replace grass and cement that was damaged during the project.

Myers Construction will then move directly to the 12th Street water main work approved last week.

After that, the crew will begin installation of the new lift station in Campbell Park's northeast section.

