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Now that the budget has been set for the upcoming fiscal year and Grant city officials have a clearer picture of the road ahead, the gears have been put in motion to have a new well at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

At the Sept. 24 Grant City Council meeting the board approved the start of the project, 4-0. There is a price tag of roughly \$138,000 for the total project, which includes a new pump and well.

Kirk York explained that the golf grounds are very dry and ‘it really shows out there without a well. It is so dry.’

After several years of having issues at the golf course with the well, city officials agreed in the last half of 2012 to have a new pump and control panel installed. Bids were put out and Sargent Drilling won the bid in April of this year. The project was slated to cost \$84,885.

To begin the process of installing the pump Sargent employees dropped a camera into the well to get the shape of the area in June. The initial plan was to drop the pump lower into the well to avoid future problems of drawing up water. The well was lower in water levels than expected and the bottom of the well had issues.

“The edge of the well bumped in a little bit, so no pump could be at the level it needed to be to work properly,” Dana Harris, Grant city administrator, said.

At that time city officials decided to leave the situation alone until a new solution could be developed.

Sargent came up with a proposal in late June to drill a new well for \$52,502, coupled with the pump, equaling the final cost of \$137,387.

The new well has been budgeted for the coming year with some of the cost coming out of cash reserves.

The new well will not be far from the existing well and work is to begin later this fall on the project.

A date on completion of the project is not yet known, according to city officials.