

Utilities Department Status Report for May 2024 (covering Apr. 2024)

PROJECT/	
CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	 Check valves needed for replacement on raw water pumps are delayed until July 23. Vendor trying to expedite. Paving of drive is almost complete. The contractor is demobilizing. Filter room and ground-level bathroom floors were redone.
WWTP	o All is well.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	 The reservoir is spilling. Spring mowing was completed. Seeding of bare areas on the dam was completed. The entrance to the tower walkway has been spruced up.
Developments/ Other	 Working towards invoicing of fees for Persimmon at Cates Creek. WSEC just approved. WSEC for Nash Place (4 lots) presented on consent agenda for 6/10. Request received for Triangle West High School charter school at Eno River Mill is going to reserve 6,600 gpd of capacity for two years if the letter is revised to come from the school board. Capkov project planning board meeting delayed until possibly July. Comet proposal is in TRC. They want to change the approved parcel masterplan from commercial/hotel to multifamily. McAdams Rd Water Main replacement will be done early, but there will be a few change orders due to field conflicts. A precon meeting for the Collins Ridge James J. Freeland water main and to fix a sewer main with a retaining wall within the easement will occur soon. The water main will provide a 2nd connection to our system providing needed redundancy. Staff is working to get Phase 1A acceptance of water and sewer completed and may assemble a team of our own to go through again and create a final punch list.
Staffing	 The administrative position for utilities been advertised with an overwhelming response. Staff recently received from HR an initial 15 screened applications of over 166 for review. Utilities is no longer fully staffed as we now have a collection crew opening for which the advertisement closes 6/9.
Funding	 We recently received the documents for what we are calling the BRIC overrun grant. It is actually a state grant that will overlay the BRIC funding for an additional ~ \$941,000 for River pumping station project. The Starfield BPS project was not awarded additional funding. We received documents for formal acceptance of the Hassel St Tank and US 70A Water Main study grant from the state. This is an ARPA funded project through the state. We have been working on this project since the award letter last year so are surprised to see this paperwork appear now. This acceptance resolution is on the 6/10 consent agenda.
Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities	Two out of town vacancies are open and there have been no applicants in the past several months. WSAC is scheduled for 6/6 and generally will receive updates to projects and budget. WSAC and the BOC have a joint meeting in August and wish to discuss viability.