



Utilities Department Status Report for Sep. 2025 (covering Aug. 2025)

PROJECT/ CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor repairs from TS Chantal such as fencing, filling in washed out areas and moving controls to higher ground are underway. Aesthetic complaints have been received around town, and the carbon feed has been increased to address the probable cause of increased algae in the raw water. Testing is being performed in five areas in the distribution system. We believe the complaints have subsided.
WWTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River pumping station was inundated by TS Chantal. Replacement pumps, motors, controls and electrical have been ordered and are arriving. The station is still being bypassed. Carolina Civilworks will be the contractor to replace the newly procured equipment and a "kick off" meeting occurred 9/2. We have value engineered the original quote and have received finance approval to do the work on a time and materials basis with not to exceed \$570,000. The work is being performed under an emergency basis.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reservoir is at approximately 52.71'. 53' is the normal Phase 2 pool elevation. Water has been hovering just below spilling for a few months now. Staff received a quote for placing live cameras at the WFER for observation and eventual live feed to a website. The quote is more than we have budget so this will need to be further vetted for FY27 budget.
Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lawndale sewer rehabilitation project is on the LGC agenda will evaluate award of the SRF loan on September 9. A contract with Hinterland Group is being developed. They are out of Florida. Will be working on resident outreach. A workplan for the dedicated EPA STAG funding the town received for the Starfield booster pumping station has been prepared and submitted. Changes to town code regarding sewer lateral responsibility are forthcoming in the Sep. work session. A small edit to Section 14-71 regarding fees is on the Sep. main meeting agenda. Engineering Services is negotiating several contractor strikes to our utilities due to fiber installation that they claim they should not have to pay. A consultant, Freese and Nichols, will be presenting a brief overview of their work to evaluate replacement of Hasell St. Water Tank and US70 Water Main. This is a requirement of receiving grant funding from the state to do the studies. This will be scheduled for the Sep. work session or Oct. main meeting.

Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C&D has made offers for two maintenance mechanic positions after the loss of two staff members to the gas company and they were accepted! We are reviewing applications and scheduling interviews for a maintenance technician position due to the loss of a staff member due to a personnel matter.
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