



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager
FROM: Travis Foley – Utilities Department Director
DATE OF MEETING: August 04, 2025
ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Utilities

Water –

- 8th Ave NE – We will be done with all the water connections the week of July 28th.
- On August 4th or 5th, we will be shutting down water along 6th Ave SW to allow for a main connection for Steve Gee's new development.
- On Tuesday, August 5th, the MHI water tower will be washed out as part of our routine water tower maintenance program. In preparation for this, we will be flushing the hydrants on MHI grounds the week of July 28th and draining the tower on Monday, August 4th. We hope to have it filled and back online on Thursday, August 7th.
- In August and September, we plan to have our valve exerciser out working on valves around town as a part of preventative maintenance.

Sewer Collection –

- In August and September, we will be out with our sewer camera inspecting a section of town as part of preventative maintenance. As we identify issues, we will prioritize them and create a schedule to have them repaired as necessary. Our end goal is to identify and resolve issues before they become problems.
- A common issue we have been recently finding is roots growing in the mains. We believe this has become a bigger problem due to the drought conditions we experienced in the last couple of years (we clearly aren't having those issues now). We purchased a root cutter for our jet machine, which has been a huge help when we encounter these issues.

Wastewater-

- On the night of July 22nd/ morning of July 23rd, the wastewater plant got hit with a lightning strike. We spent much of the day on the 23rd getting things back up and running correctly. The strike took out several electronics throughout the buildings. I am working on obtaining replacement costs for all the equipment and will submit them to the insurance. Parts have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.