



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager
FROM: Travis Foley – Utilities Department Director
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ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Utilities Department

Wastewater

- Our spring hauling of biosolids will take place this month.
- Disinfection started last month. This goes from March 15th to November 15th.
- Working on spring maintenance.

Water

- We are getting VFD's installed in all the wells. These will help reduce main breaks and allow us to adjust pumping rates, which will support future system improvements.
- We will start with spring hydrant flushing towards the end of the month. Dates will be published online and in the newspaper.
- The plans for this year's water main projects have been submitted to the DNR for review. We will be replacing/adding roughly 9 blocks of water main this year. Most of these lines are along streets that are being overlayed this year. The projects consist of replacing undersized lines and lines with recurring breaks, along with adding a few lines to create loops in the system. These projects will improve water quality and system pressure in these areas and provide added fire protection.
- I am working on a list of materials needed for this year's water main projects. I will send the list to a few suppliers to receive quotes. I plan to present the quotes and a supplier recommendation at an upcoming April meeting for council approval. I would like to have materials ordered and delivered by the end of the month, in hopes of starting the projects around May 1st.

Sewer Collection

- We are working on a few sewer repairs along this year's overlay streets.
- Visu-Sewer has been in town prepping sewer mains for this year's slip lining projects. We will be upgrading around 3,650' sewer main this year.
- I am working on receiving bids for the new combination vac/jetter truck.