

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Establish a date and time for a Public Hearing to review the State

Revolving Fund loan application and to make public the environmental

information document and the City's project plan

BACKGROUND:

As part of the SRF environmental review process, a public hearing is required to allow concerned citizens to come forward with any concerns about the potential environmental impact of the project. The City is required to provide a public notice at least 30 days in advance of the hearing, and this notice must also be published 30 days before the hearing date. Two weeks before the hearing date, the City will receive a copy of the Environmental Information Document from the state to be used at the hearing.

DISCUSSION:

N/A – This is a process to set a public hearing only.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure** and **promoting and encouraging community involvement and engagement**. This item helps achieve that vision by starting the process to obtain funding for the replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as allowing the public an opportunity to discuss the **environmental** impacts of replacing this plant.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There will be a publication cost as determined by the Independence Bulletin Journal. This has been budgeted during the normal budget process for Fiscal Year 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to set a Public Hearing for December 8th, 2025, at 5:30 PM to review the State Revolving Fund loan application and to make public the environmental information document and the City's project plan.