



MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

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Subject: Capital Improvements Update for May 2026

1. Staffing

- A. Assistant City Engineer** - Kenneth Cannady-Shultz will come on board Monday, June 08. Once he's set up, the plan is to have him assist with the substantial amount of preconstruction work necessary to initiate the upcoming WWTP upgrades.
- B. Engineering Associate** - The City is still advertising for this position.
- C. Engineering Intern** - Colton Vandetta will be starting on Monday, June 08. Our plan is to have him shadow Scott Jones with construction inspection duties on the Grant Street Project this summer. We'll also introduce him to the preconstruction aspects of civil engineering work: Environmental assessments, Rights-of-Way resolution, permitting, survey, design and review, estimating, contract documentation, etc.

2. Current Projects (in Design, Recently Awarded, or in Construction)

- A. Vine Street Water Line (Fifth to Seventh Street)** - This project is substantially complete: New water line has been installed and connected from Fifth Street to Ninth Street (we added the Seventh to Ninth work in a Change Order). Remaining work includes connection of the last few services and trench patching.
- B. Grant and Sherman Street Improvements** - Bid opening will take place on Tuesday, June 09. There are currently more than a dozen prime contractors holding plans for this Work.
- C. Grove Street Sanitary Sewer Extensions (Private Side Laterals)** - This work is on standby pending completion of the North Fifth Street Contract Documents.
- D. North Fifth Street Construction** - We are planning to bid this Work in November - Udell Engineering should have documents to us within a month or so for review.
- E. Cheadle Lake Park Improvements** - Knife River has completed the parking lot and fencing work in time for the Strawberry Festival activities. Remaining work includes the access road to the future theater and stage area, and fabrication of the permanent gates to be installed at the three entrances to the park.
- F. Industrial Way Park Improvements** - The archaeologist will visit the site on June 05 and will begin their investigation once they have secured a permit from SHPO, as this property was once part of the historic Crown Zellerbach mill site.

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Once the archaeological investigation has been completed, we can restart the USACE Joint Permit Application (JPA) process, which includes DEQ permitting.

- G. Private Utility Fiber Installation** - Ziply Fiber is continuing to perform work across town and is substantially complete with underground fiber installation. Ziply has begun working on the outstanding restoration issues we've had and will be able to secure additional work permitting once those repairs have been made.

3. On-Going Tasks

- A. CIP Plan Update** - Staff have been test-driving new software to streamline the planning and implementation of CIP projects in the future.
- B. TMDL Update** - Staff are still updating the City's Five-Year Matrix for DEQ.

4. Upcoming and Proposed Work

- A. Airport Road & Twelfth Street Intersection Improvements** - Udel Engineering has provided a scope for Engineering and Administration of this Project - Staff are currently working with Linn County on planning and logistics.
- B. Water Distribution System Improvements** - Staff and Maintenance have identified several viable improvement projects for the water system and are in the process of selecting priority work to be done.

With the additional work from Seventh to Ninth added to the Vine Street Water Line Replacement Project, we've expended our capital funding for the upcoming fiscal year, so it's unlikely we'll have another water line repair/replacement job this summer.

- C. Sanitary Sewer Collections System** - Engineering and Maintenance have put together a City-wide map of all known 'wildcat' sanitary mains (mains that are routed across private properties without defined easements or Maintenance's ability to access the lines for repair). These mains will be rerouted as time and funding allow.

There are two primary sites that we are focusing on:

- **Grove Street Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain Conflict** - This Project will involve a new sanitary line along Elmore from south of the point S Tire & Auto Service property east to Grove Street, and then up to Oak Street. This will eliminate the 'wildcat' line that crosses under several properties between Elmore and Oak.
 - **Cox Street Sanitary Sewer Extension** - This project would install a new sanitary line from the sewer main on Highway 20 west along Cox Street and down Second Street to 'H' Street. This will eliminate a 'wildcat' line that crosses under several properties from 'H' Street to north of Cox Street.
- D. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements** - The design Engineers will be conducting a site utility survey in June, and we are coordinating with NWNG to extend natural gas service to the WWTP property.