



MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

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Subject: Capital Improvements Update for August 2026

1. Recently Completed Projects

- A. Vine Street Water Line (Fifth to Ninth Street)** - This work has been substantially completed. We have new 8 Inch Ductile Iron water pipe, services, and meters to all properties on Vine Street between Fifth and Ninth Streets.

The only work remaining is some street patching for the new ADA ramps at all four corners of Seventh and Vine. The ramps are in service and Staff are currently putting together an RFQ for City-wide street patching, which will include the asphalt patching to be done at this intersection.

- B. Hiatt Street Emergency Sewer Repair** - On August 11, Staff became aware of a sanitary sewer lateral issue on Hiatt Street just south of Oak Street. A recently completed lateral repair south of the affected address inadvertently abandoned another lateral that was incorrectly teed into that line. Maintenance crews cleaned out the abandoned service to ensure the residence had adequate drainage while Staff executed a Contract to repair the issue properly. TNT Co. out of Sweet Home quickly performed the work and got the residence properly plumbed by August 24.

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

- A. Grant and Sherman Street Improvements** - Construction continues on this Project. The Contractor is currently installing curb and gutter along Grant Street between Main and Park Streets and preparing for new bulbouts and ADA ramps at the Park Street and north Main Street intersections.

This work will require temporary closure of the west lane of Park Street south of Grant Street and the east lane of Main Street at Grant Street. The closures will occur separately and will not overlap. Paving of this block is tentatively scheduled for early September.

Once work between Main and Park Streets is complete, crews will move to Grant Street between Second and Main Streets and will also begin excavating on both sides of the railroad tracks just west of Third Street to install a water line casing beneath the tracks.

This work will require temporary closure of Grant Street to through traffic between Second and Main Streets and Third to Fourth Streets. Detours will be in place, and the Contractor will continue coordinating with Staff to maintain access to businesses and residences affected by construction.

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B. Cheadle Lake Park Improvements - Knife River is currently working on new pedestrian paths in the park area and is nearly finished with the plumbing for the new restroom that was installed on August 12. New welded steel gates are being manufactured for the vehicle entrances to the park. This Project is approximately 90% complete.

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Improvements - Staff are currently reviewing a series of Technical Memos that will be used as a basis of design for this Project. These design components include:

- Site Civil Design
- Site Utilities
- Aerobic Stabilization
- Biosolids Dewatering
- Hauled Waste Receiving Station
- Structural and Architectural Design
- Electrical, Instrumentation, and SCADA Design

The Request for Construction Manager/General Contractor Proposals is currently undergoing legal review.

D. Airport Road & Twelfth Street Intersection Improvements - Staff are currently reviewing preliminary traffic design drawings for this intersection. The current layout provides for dedicated left-hand turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection.

The City signed an agreement with Kittelson & Associates this month for design of the traffic signal at this intersection.

E. North Fifth Street Reconstruction - Udell Engineering has supplied 80% plans and is working on a cost estimate for Engineering review. Staff's plan is to advertise this Contract in November of this year.

F. East Sherman Street Water Line Repair - Staff executed a Contract with Udell Engineering this month to replace a section of water line on Sherman Street between Park and Grove Streets. (This work is not associated with the Grant and Sherman Street Project.)

G. Industrial Way Park Improvements - Staff are expecting an Archaeological report to be delivered for review in early September. Once this report has been reviewed by City Staff, it will be forwarded to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for their review, and then it will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for yet *another* review and 30-day comment window. Once all this has been completed, ACOE will restart the Joint Permit Application (JPA) that was submitted in January.

H. Private Utility Fiber Installation - Ziply Fiber is continuing to perform work across town and is substantially complete with underground fiber installation.

We still have several outstanding restoration issues that need to be addressed by Ziply contractors. Ziply, and to address before Ziply will be able to secure additional work permitting once those repairs have been made.

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3. **Piloted Projects**

- A. West Rose Street Sewer Extension** - Staff have executed a Contract with Udell Engineering for design of a new section of sanitary sewer line on Rose Street between Main and Second Streets. This Project will also eliminate a cross-connection between our storm and sanitary systems. The storm line that currently drains into the sanitary sewer system will be diverted to the storm drain system.
- B. South Second Street Area Drainage Improvements** - Staff have executed a Contract with Udell Engineering for the design and Contract Administration of a Project that will correct current drainage issues on Second Street near the 'C' Street intersection.

4. **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.

5. **Upcoming and Proposed Work**

- A. Sanitary Sewer Collections System** - There are two possible Projects that Staff are focusing on. We have asked Udell Engineering to make a rough cost comparison between the two to see which Project would provide the most benefit for the funding we have available:
 - **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.