MEMORANDUM

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

A. Grant and Sherman Street Improvements - Construction continues on this Project. The Contractor has substantially completed improvements on Grant Street between Main and Park Streets; centerline and curb striping will be finished soon.

The water line bore under the railroad tracks between Third and Fourth Streets has been completed, and crews are continuing installation of water line east and west of this location.

Construction on Grant between Main and Second Streets is slated to begin October 5th and is expected to continue through the third week in November. This construction will involve upgrades to water, storm and sanitary utilities, along with replacement of the street surface, curb & gutter, and a substantial amount of sidewalk.

As with the other phases of this Project, Staff and the Contractor are working closely with affected residents and businesses to minimize disruption to their normal routine.

B. Cheadle Lake Park Improvements - Knife River is completing work on new pedestrian paths in the park area and is nearly finished with the lighting upgrades along those paths. The new restroom is waiting for new sidewalks and paving to be installed and should be open by the end of the second week in October. New welded steel gates are still being manufactured for the vehicle entrances to the park. This Project is now approximately 95% complete.

C. 2026 Street Patching - This Project involves replacement of pavement sections all over town where Public Works crews have performed maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to our utility systems.

The Contract was awarded to Oregon Asphalt Maintenance and signed on September 30th, in the amount of $23,405.00. Construction is scheduled to begin soon.

D. LIDAR Survey of the Hiatt Street Bridge - Staff have entered into a $4,500 contract with Norse Ironworks to perform a LIDAR survey of the Hiatt Street Bridge, located just south of E. Sherman Street. Norse Ironworks will coordinate with Udell Engineering to establish a georeferenced, three-dimensional baseline survey of the bridge, its approaches, and surrounding bank conditions. This pilot Project will provide Engineering Services with a baseline for monitoring bridge conditions and evaluating future maintenance and repair needs.

The survey is scheduled to begin in early October.

E. 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 (RFP) was advertised September 21st and will close November 3rd. There are currently seven Prime Bidders holding documents:

- Emery & Sons Construction
- James W. Fowler Company
- Slayden Constructors
- Engineered Structures, Inc.
- ORR, Incorporated
- Stellar J Corporation
- Prospect Construction

F. 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 Branch Engineering in the amount of $19,000.00 for wetland delineation and permitting on September 29th.

G. North Fifth Street Reconstruction - Staff are reviewing plans and specifications submitted by Udell Engineering, and permitting with ODOT, UPRR, and AERC is underway.

This Project is scheduled to be put out to bid in November.

H. East Sherman Street Water Line Repair - Staff executed a Contract with Udell Engineering in August 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.) Udell is currently generating plans and specifications for this work.

I. Industrial Way Park Improvements - The Archaeological Cultural Resources report was finalized on September 16th and recommends a finding of “No Historic Properties Adversely Affected” by this proposed Project. It has been forwarded to SHPO, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and DEQ for their review.

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

They have started work on several outstanding restoration issues that need to be addressed, and Staff have issued some work permitting in response.

2. 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.

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. 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.