



MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Mike Trippett, City Engineer

Subject: Council Capital Improvements Update for June 2026

1. Staffing

- A. Assistant City Engineer** - Kenneth Cannady-Shultz started work on June 08, and is familiarizing himself with City operations. His priorities at this time are moving the Wastewater Treatment Plant project forward and acting as Project Manager for the Grant and Sherman Street Project that will be starting soon.
- B. Engineering Intern** - Colton Vandetta started work on June 08. He has been assisting Engineering and Development Services with various aspects of the work we do, and will be assisting with inspection of the Grant and Sherman Street Project.
- C. Engineering Associate** - The City has paused advertising for this position.

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

- A. Vine Street Water Line (Fifth to Seventh Street)** - This Project has been completed and signed off by Engineering and Maintenance. The Contractor (Flow Line Construction out of Salem) performed well, and we hope to work with them again. Maintenance is working with Bulldog Concrete out of Lebanon to install new ADA sidewalk ramps at all four corners of Seventh and Vine as a follow-up to this Project.
- B. Grant and Sherman Street Improvements** - This Contract was awarded to MVG Construction out of Philomath for a total of \$2,836,148.36. A Preconstruction Meeting is scheduled for July 01, with construction to begin soon after.
- C. Grove Street Sanitary Sewer Extensions (Private Side Laterals)** - This work is on standby pending completion of the North Fifth Street Contract Documents review.
- D. North Fifth Street Construction** - Udel Engineering has supplied 80% plans and a cost estimate for Engineering review. Our plan is to let this Contract in November of this year.
- E. Cheadle Lake Park Improvements** - Knife River has completed a majority of the work on this Project and is currently trucking fill off site and preparing to pave the northern access road into the site. The parking lot and fencing and was finished in time for the Strawberry Festival.
- F. Industrial Way Park Improvements** - We are currently waiting on agency permits, comment periods, and approvals.
- G. Private Utility Fiber Installation** - Zipl Fiber is continuing to perform work across town and is substantially complete with underground fiber installation. Zipl has begun working on the

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outstanding restoration issues we've had and will be able to secure additional work permitting once those repairs have been made.

3. Piloted Projects (Projects being designed and let by Development Staff to provide experience with executing a Capital Project)

- A. West Rose Street Sewer Extension** - This Project will eliminate a wildcat sanitary lateral for two properties on West Rose near the Second Street intersection and will also extend our storm drainage system to eliminate a cross-connection into our sanitary system.
- B. South Second Street Area Drainage Improvements** - This Project is similar to the drainage improvement Project on S. Second that was completed earlier this year. It will improve street and property drainage on South Second 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. Airport Road & Twelfth Street Intersection Improvements** - Udel Engineering has been awarded the Engineering Services Contract for this Project - Staff are currently working with Linn County on planning and logistics, and we will begin reviewing plans once they are available.
- 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.
- 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 are currently conducting a utility survey of the existing plant site and accompanied City Staff on a visit to Kenosha, Wisconsin, to evaluate a promising solids drying technology for potential use in our planned upgrades. Staff are still working with NWNG to extend an upgraded natural gas service to the WWTP property.