

City of McCleary  
**STAFF REPORT**



<b>To:</b>	Mayor Miller and City Councilmembers
<b>From:</b>	Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works
<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2024
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works Administration

**Updates:**

Aquifer Study

A final presentation of the report results will be made on May 22, 2024 to City council. The report will also include an update on the associated grant application that was submitted to the Department of Ecology for the next phase of aquifer study.

Comprehensive Plan Update

An ordinance is included in tonight's packet requesting adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

West Maple Street Sidewalk Project

This project is in early-stage design and permitting with the consultant, Gray and Osborne. Survey to start the base mapping process is slated to start in early May with an estimated bid date for the project being released in the early Fall.

Energy Conservation Program

Staff is making updates to the city website on energy saving opportunities that can be made available to our customers. Examples include heat pump installation credits, solar credits, and Energy efficient window replacement credits just to give a few examples. We encourage customers to contact city hall for details.

Utility Rate Review

Currently the consultant on the project is working on a new water rate structure to help with improved cost distribution for some lower-consuming customers. A final report will be made to City Council in late May to present the final recommendations for the utilities and enter into a discussion to decide what the next steps are for our utility rates.

Clean Energy Transformation Audit

Every four years the city is required to be audited for its compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). The Audit this year will be reviewing three areas:

- Greenhouse gas content calculation, 2020-2021

- Energy Assistance to low-income households, 2019-2020
- Clean energy implementation plan development, 2022-2025

Initial information requested from SAO has been submitted and we will begin work shortly to provide the requisite data upon request.

Information Technology Upgrades

The IT upgrades project is moving forward. Recently an audit was completed relating to the needs of the Police Department. We are currently awaiting feedback from the vendor as to next steps to manage both City Hall and Police IT needs as the project progresses. Currently, it appears that additional funding for the project may be needed based on the preliminary audit. Those funding needs are not yet determined as we wait for additional information from the consultant.

Grant Pursuits

Below is a list of current grants that have either been submitted or are being pursued this year by City staff. This list will be updated monthly to keep the community and Council informed of progress. It is not to be considered comprehensive as additional opportunities may materialize and will be added to the list:

<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
Private	Elison Foundation	Food Bank Expansion	Submitted
State	Department of Natural Resources	Acquisition of Fire Dept. command vehicle and additional equipment needs	Submitted
Private	Quadra Tech	ROW beautification	Submitted
Private	T-Mobile	TBD	Submitted
Private	AARP	Improvements to Pickleball courts	Submitted
Private	City Foundation, Community progress makers	Food Bank new construction and downtown infrastructure	Submitted
Private	Blue Diamond	New food bank to allow for expansion of existing community commercial grade kitchen	Submitted
State	Dept of Ecology	On-going aquifer monitoring	Submitted
State	Department of Commerce – Decarbonization Grant	Solar grant to support power independence and resiliency	Submitted

State	Recreation & Conservation Office	Upgrades to Beerbower park facilities	Submitted