

City of McCleary
STAFF REPORT



To:	Mayor Miller and City Councilmembers
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Updates

Happy New Year City Council! Thank you for your service this past year, and working so tirelessly with City staff to generate a 2023 budget for this year. It is/was greatly appreciated.

As we embark on the new year, I wanted to list a few of the Public Works accomplishments to showcase the efforts we have been making to improve infrastructure for the City of McCleary and also identify our goals (both operational and capital improvements) for 2023.

2022 Accomplishments

Streets and Sidewalks

- Crack sealed all City streets (grant funds were used for this project)
- Performed extensive asphalt patching and overlays at varied locations within the older district of the City
- Replaced aging and damaged sidewalk along North 9th Street
- Successfully acquired approximately \$1,500,000 in grant funds from the State to improve South 3rd street down to Summit Road. Design to begin in 2024, with construction in 2025-26.
- Completed snow and ice removal for two significant storm events
- Regraded several alleys and power line roads

Parks and Recreation

- Successfully supported Bear Festival with staging, street sweeping, landscape maintenance, and traffic control
- Supported Christmas in the park with new lighting and power options and installation of festive lights

Water, Sewer, Stormwater

- Installed over 280 linear feet of water main and provided new connections to adjacent customers

- Installed two new catch basins to help alleviate stormwater flooding issues (this work is ongoing)
- Repaired four separate water/wastewater breaks at the Wastewater Treatment plant

Light and Power

- Upgraded power to customers by completing over 100 Power cutovers from 4Kv to 12Kv
- Responded and restored power during 14 separate power outages
- Installed 11 new services
- Repaired six faulty equipment repairs and two underground faults

General

- Successfully contracted for new IT support services
- Filled all vacant positions at the City as well as hired additional public works staff to support improvement and repair efforts throughout the City
- Renovated the City's police station (new flooring, paint, electrical improvements, and created new office space for officers)
- Poured two new concrete pads for large generator installations

2023 Goals

Streets and Sidewalks

- Successfully acquire grants to improve sidewalks throughout the City
- Partner with the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to fund a joint venture with Grays Harbor County to chip seal streets within the City
- Continue to overlay streets and repair potholes during the year
- Seek out grant funding opportunities for street improvements

Parks and Recreation

- Acquire funding and construct a new dog park near the city cemetery
- Acquire additional park properties for future development of recreational opportunities for the community
- Install improved park playground equipment, and improve at least one pocket park play area within the City
- Construct a new community garden adjacent to the Community Center
- Seek out grant funding opportunities to improve existing parks and construct new ones

Water, Sewer, Stormwater

- Tackle the inflow and infiltration problem in our wastewater system to reduce stormwater from entering the system and impacting our sewer treatment capacity
- Finalize and report to Council results of utility rate reviews
- Install Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) at the wells to reduce water hammer and improve power efficiency
- Replace aging fire hydrants
- Complete the Aquifer study
- Execute three drainage pipe replacement projects to improve drainage and reduce urban flooding

Light and Power

- Continue 4Kv to 12Kv power crossovers
- Complete at least one power underground project in targeted area(s)
- Continue to provide exceptional power outage response time

General

- Implement a new call out system (Doppler) to improve responsiveness to after-hours emergencies
- Implement our new Work Order management system
- Complete a space needs study to assess future space requirements for multiple facets of City operations
- Finalize the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update
- Complete an energy audit of City facilities and seek out grant opportunities to reduce energy consumption where possible