

Public Utilities Staff Report
For April, 2026

Current work:

Utilities Crew – Working on curbstops replacements, maintaining asphalt cuts from winter. Replaced two sewer barrels. Explored for water leak next to building at Water Treatment Plant. Weekly and monthly sewer checks.

Water Treatment Plant – Normal operation and maintenance tasks. Currently conducting the annual cleaning of the intake structure wet well.

WWTP – Normal operations and maintenance at the plant and lift stations. Replace a pump at Wilson lift and currently working on broken pump mount at Nue Vue Lift and bad pump at Riverside Park lift.

Water Office – Normal duties. Tier 3 Public notice will be sent out with April water/sewer bills, see attached. Working on replacing all our meter radios as the majority of the ones we have in use are over 20 years old and are no longer supported by Sensus

Current Projects:

WTP Reroof and replace unit heaters. –SDI is currently producing specifications and bid documents. Anticipating going out to bid early summer. Contract on agenda for Simplicity Consulting Engineers & design to produce specifications and bid package. Project will be coordinated with reroof.

WWTP Generator Replacement –Generator is installed. Still need switch gear installation and start up.

Montana Lift generator replacement. – New generator is on hand will install once WWTP generator is complete.

WWTP Oxidation rotor replacement- One oxidation rotor failed last summer and was replaced with a rotor from the ditch we are not currently using. As all of the rotors are the same age, RPA Engineering is currently working on design specifications in order to replace all 4 rotors and drive units.

Projects (2-5 yrs) Preliminary Planning Phase:

Darling Addition Phase IV – KLJ is currently working on the design for the project.

Tongue River Force Main –

Soil Stabilization/Erosion repair on east side of Southgate Tank Hill – KLJ is working on ideas for this.

WTP Intake replacement – PER complete. Looking for funding. This will be approximately 7-8 million dollar project.

Major Equipment Purchases Next 6 months:

Backhoe will be going out to bid as it is approaching max hours for buyback program. Funds were budgeted for this purchase