

**City of Maple Plain- Monthly Update
November 2025 Highlights
Jacob Schillander, City Administrator**

Fire Department

- Continued work on the PERA payout process for firefighters. After receiving estimated figures, we discovered discrepancies related to age-based reductions. This has caused concern among members, and we are actively working with PERA and legislative representatives to resolve the issue. A draft bill is being prepared to address the calculation method, with implementation expected in mid-2026.
- Held multiple meetings with West Suburban Fire Department (WSFD) regarding contract negotiations. Budget cap terms remain a sticking point, and alternative options are being developed.

Public Works / Utilities

- Sewer line jetting and televising revealed two mains damaged during previous fiber installation. We are coordinating repairs and investigating responsible parties.
- Snow removal contract finalized with Snow Pros.
- Midco's contractor repaired a water line and is working with Xcel Energy to address a damaged light pole.

Planning & Development

- Phase 2 of the downtown development project, now officially named Maple & Main, is moving forward. We anticipate Planning Commission and Council review in January.
- Continued discussions with potential buyers of the Wenck property and other development partners.

Code Enforcement

- Received multiple complaints related to a recent armed robbery at a rental property on Meadow Lane. We are reviewing ordinances and considering amendments to the rental code to address concerns.

Public Safety & Community

- Responded to citizen concerns following the Meadow Lane incident and recent vandalism. WHPS reports that the juvenile responsible for tagging signs and buildings has been identified, and restitution discussions are underway.

- Participated in meetings regarding emergency management upgrades, including new siren software funded by Hennepin County.

Administration

- Worked on updates to the Employee Handbook, including transitioning to a PTO model and compliance with new employment laws.
- Completed MS4 Re-Evaluation Petition submission to the Pollution Control Agency.
- Continued financial reviews with Abdo and explored options for outsourcing payroll for compliance and efficiency.

Grants & Legislative

- Secured a \$7,000 grant through the LMC Grant Navigator program to cover costs for Bolten & Menk's grant writing services.
- Engaged with legislators and PERA leadership to address firefighter pension payout issues.

Financial Summary & Key Drivers

Total Expenditures (All Funds): \$3,373,116.62 (91.8% of annual budget)

General Fund – \$1,686,953.65 (94.3%)

- Parks- Overages driven by equipment repairs and contract services, Repairs were higher due to playground and facility maintenance needs.
- Public Works- Significant overage in engineering services and shop materials, tied to stormwater drainage improvements and roadway maintenance projects.
- Civil Defense- Additional emergency preparedness costs.
- Council & Admin – Training & travel exceeded budget due to council & staff development and training.

Storm Water Fund – \$191,841.66 (109.12%)

Overages from capital improvements and bond interest reflecting stormwater infrastructure upgrades and debt service timing.

Fire Partnership Fund – \$511,802.13 (99.6%)

- Fire Administration– Driven by legal services and pension contributions, related to Fire Department dissolution and transition planning.
- Fire Apparatus/Equipment– Higher costs for apparatus maintenance and equipment purchases.

Water Fund – \$510,894.94 (74.45%)

Generally on track; slight overage in software, and bond interest due to timing of debt payments.

Sewer Fund – \$471,624.24 (98.26%)

Overages in bond interest and software plus consulting for system compliance and upgrades.

Key Notes for Council

- Overages are primarily project-driven stormwater improvements, fire department transition, and park facility repairs.
- Debt service timing impacted Water, Sewer, and Storm Water funds.
- Training and technology costs exceeded budget in several areas due to training and modernization efforts.