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Public Works Report – January 2026

Roads & Infrastructure

- A total of six snow events occurred during the month.
- All but one event required salt operations only, the exception was a 4.7” even on 1/21.
- Staff had a total of 84.5 man hours outside of normal working hours during January.
- Took delivery of an additional 300 tons of road salt for winter operations. Entering February, 132 tons remain available under our contracted amount. Based on current models and trends, exceeding the contract.
- Despite significant snowfall in November (earlier than normal) overall conditions have been consistent with the last 4 years.

Water & Sewer

- Repaired a water main break on Ray St. The break impacted the elementary school, forcing a transition to remote learning for the day. Staff completed the repairs in 2 hours and 40 minutes. Water testing results came back quickly as well, and normal operations resumed the following day.
- Coordinated with Kurt from TEST Inc on the SCADA upgrades. Required parts and software have been ordered, and with anticipated complete delivery by the end of February.
- Completed a draft Water FAQ for our residents. Kristi and I are currently reviewing it. I plan to share this with the board by the end of February and publish it on our website in March. The document is comprehensive and intended to improve residents’ understanding of our water and sewer operations as well as help to answer residents’ questions.

Facilities & Equipment Repairs

- Remodel work continued at 100 S. State. Plumbing was completed, electrical repairs done, subfloor installed, and insulation installed throughout the building. Next steps include drywall, followed by painting, flooring installation, and bathroom fixtures installation.
- Barring any major weather events, substantial completion is anticipated in the first or second week of March.

Administration & Planning

- Continued coordination with Comcast updating dialer lines at the wellhouses and lift stations. We currently have the SWWTP, Whiting Road lift station, and Countryside lift station left to complete.
- Began budget review and will be coordinating with Kristi later in February to finalize the upcoming fiscal year budget proposal.
- Maintained discussions with developers on active and prospective projects.
- Continued coordination with New Leaf/Contry on parcels in Westergren.
- Completed the sale of the 2005 International plow truck and our 2012 Ford F250.
- Continued review of Surf fiber-optic permits; while revisions remain necessary on some plan sets, we are moving onto issuing permits for the initial three sets.
- Continued review of Frontier fiber-optic permits; substantial revisions are still required before approval.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I am available to provide additional details on any past, current, or upcoming projects.