

City Utilities

Utility Manager / Electric Superintendent Commission Update

Operations & Projects

- **Frontier Contract:** Continuing to work through the Frontier contract as the transition away from copper service is expected to begin in early November.
- **Panorama Loop:** Working to secure the necessary easement for the Panorama Loop project, extending from Building 2 back to Highway 14 to complete the electric loop.
- **WPPI Contract:** Completed the WPPI contract work.
- **Trencher Repairs:** The trencher requires a new transmission along with additional repairs. Work is currently underway.
- **RP3 Project:** Continuing to work toward completing the RP3 application in September.
- **New Digger Truck:** Final engineering and specifications are being completed for the new digger truck. The current build date is scheduled for December 2026. The truck has been on order for approximately three years.
- **Olson Substation Transformer:** Working on financing for the replacement transformer at the Olson Substation.
- **\$2.7 Million Financing:** Working with Ehlers on financing for approximately \$2.7 million in debt for the Olson Substation transformer replacement.
- **Water Department Loan:** The City is working with Ehlers to finalize the terms of a loan from the Water Department. The proposed loan would have a five-year term, with an interest rate based on the current rate the City is receiving through the Local Government Investment Pool, currently **3.68%**. Payments would be made annually.
- **Pole Changeouts:** Pole changeout work continues throughout the system.
- **US 14 West – Legion Area:** Working with Alliant Energy to transfer wires along US 14 West near the Legion. City Utilities and Alliant Energy share the poles in this area.
- **Utility Locates:** A high volume of utility locate requests continues to come in, requiring a significant amount of staff time to keep up with the workload.
- **Four-Lane Pole Damage:** James & Son struck a City Utilities pole on the four-lane. The pole base needs to be replaced due to stripped mounting bolts. Repair costs will be billed back to James & Son.

Budget

- **2027 Budget:** Continuing work on the 2027 City Utilities budget, including reviewing department needs, proposed projects, and financial requirements.

Training & Industry Events

- **Caselle Training – September 9–10:** Angie and Grant will be attending Caselle training in the Wisconsin Dells on **Wednesday, September 9, and Thursday, September 10.**

- **MEUW Member Roundtable – October 15:** MEUW is continuing its long tradition of hosting member gatherings to exchange ideas and learn from one another about leading practices, operating challenges, and emerging issues affecting municipal electric utilities. This year's gatherings are being organized as roundtables in communities throughout the state. The October 15 session will begin at **9:00 a.m. and conclude after lunch.**
- **Rotary Light Setup / SWTC Power Distribution Class – October 28–29:** Rotary Light setup will be held in conjunction with the SWTC Power Distribution Class on **October 28 and 29.**