



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: 4/2/2025

Subject: March 2025 Public Works Report

March Work Activities Report

Spring Transition and Weather Events:

March has given us a smooth transition into spring. We experienced only one full plow event and one salting operation, which coincided with the Lions breakfast. Though a marginal decision, safety took precedence.

Sidewalk and Sod Repairs:

All sidewalk sod damage has been collected from yards. We will work on filling in larger patches as time allows. Plowing sidewalks can be frustrating, especially early in the season or when snow accumulation is around 3-4 inches, making it difficult to identify the edges.

Seasonal Hiring:

We are seeking seasonal employees again this year. If you know anyone looking for a good job, encourage them to apply. The starting wage is \$18.00 per hour.

New Road Sweeper:

Our new road sweeper has arrived, and we received training on Friday. We are now ready to begin clearing winter debris. A big thank you to Justine Dauphinais from Coon Creek Watershed for her invaluable assistance in securing the grant and guiding the process.

Community Planter Repairs:

Brett DeBoer and Ben Turbitt have repaired the community planters at Sanburnol, ensuring they are ready for the season.

City Hall Projects and Recycling Event:

Final projects at city hall are wrapping up as we prepare for the Spring Recycling Event on April 26th. A huge thank you to Recycling Coordinator Haley Morrison for organizing this successful biannual event. It will take place from 8:00 AM until noon.

Tree Removal and Road Patching:

Tree removal is underway, managed by both our contractor and staff. This will continue until road patching begins.

Watermain Break on 81st:

We are maintaining the watermain break on 81st by filling potholes with rock and ensuring safety flashers are in place. Until the contractor can perform a full replacement, we are limited in our options. The asphalt plant is expected to open on April 15th. Drivers are urged to slow down in this area. Extensive traffic control will be required for the repair, which will shift westbound traffic into a northbound turn lane on 81st.

Meetings and Events Attended:

1. Attended two council meetings and one workshop.
2. Participated in weekly city hall construction meetings.
3. Toured the Waterous factory with Trevor Heller to observe hydrant and valve manufacturing.
4. Engaged in a tabletop emergency response exercise with SBM and Josh Antoine.
5. Attended the Coon Creek Watershed meeting.

This concludes my report for March. I am available for any questions.