



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
Cc: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator
From: George Linngren, Public Works Director
Date: May 28, 2025
Subject: May 2025 Public Works Report

Monthly Report: May Activities

1. Boulevard Ash Tree Removal

May was a productive month. We successfully removed all boulevard ash trees that could be handled in-house. Additionally, we are nearing completion of the contracted boulevard ash tree removals. The final area remaining is along Garfield and Hayes Streets, involving approximately 40 trees, as well as a few miscellaneous locations. Following this, we will shift our focus to ash tree removals within city parks, which will significantly alter the landscape in those areas.

2. Tower Days Preparation

Preparations for Tower Days are well underway. Promotional signage has been placed around town, and we are currently organizing logistics for the parade and related events at Lakeside. Notably, we will feature the new street sweeper in the parade and use it to clean the streets following the procession. The sweeper will also be showcased at the CCWD (Coon Creek Watershed District) booth to help educate the public on the connection between clean streets and clean water.

3. City Hall Landscaping

We have completed site preparation on the south side of City Hall for new landscaping. This includes tree plantings and sod installation, with the goal of completing the project by the end of June.

4. Tree Stump Grinding and Restoration

Stump grinding operations have begun. These areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. Due to the volume of stumps, we appreciate the public's patience and assure residents that all sites will be addressed as soon as possible.

5. Terrace Park Playground

Work on the Terrace Park playground is nearing completion. Grading and the final inspection are the last remaining tasks. Once completed, the playground will be opened for public use.

6. Mowing and Grounds Maintenance

Mowing operations are in full swing. All park areas have been aerated and treated with

appropriate chemicals. We've brought on a couple of seasonal workers, and their contributions have been highly valuable.

7. New Hot Box Equipment

We've received the new hot box—thank you. This equipment is a significant investment that will greatly improve the durability of our street maintenance efforts when used alongside the new sweeper. It will allow for more permanent patches, reducing the need for repeat repairs. Crack sealing operations using the hot box are set to begin later this week.

Meetings Attended

1. Two City Council meetings
2. One City Council workshop
3. Bi-weekly City Hall construction meetings
4. SUSA monthly Utility Operators meeting
5. Coon Creek Watershed District meeting

This concludes my report for the month of May. I am available to answer any questions you may have.