



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: 1/28/2026

Subject: January Public Works Report

Streets

We experienced six snow and/or salting events this month. While recent temperatures have been too cold for snowfall, we have stayed ahead of rain and ice by applying salt before events rather than reacting afterward. Our crews have been scraping and salting to reduce ice buildup, and with the return of sunshine and warmer temperatures, conditions should continue to improve.

Tree Trimming

Tree trimming and removals were limited in January due to extreme cold and wind. Our focus remained on street maintenance to prevent rutting. In February, we plan to resume tree work, including removing ash trees in parks and trimming oak branches overhanging streets and sidewalks—now the safest time for this work.

Parks

Ice rinks are in good condition, though usage may have been limited by the cold. We hope residents take advantage of skating opportunities in February before warmer weather impacts ice quality.

Plow and Truck Maintenance

The cold weather allowed us to catch up on maintenance and repairs that had been delayed. Additionally, we received the new blower and seat for the Trackless machine, which is working exceptionally well—thank you for your support in acquiring this equipment.

Meetings and Administrative Activities

1. Attended two City Council meetings and one workshop.
2. Participated in the monthly CCWD meeting.
3. Attended the monthly department head meeting.
4. Attended the quarterly SRA meeting in St. Louis Park.
5. Attended the monthly Supervisors meeting (S.U.S.A).