

MEMORANDUM



TO: City Council
FROM: Greg Springman, Public Works Director
DATE: November 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Public Works Monthly Report – October 2025

This memorandum provides a brief periodic update of specific projects, Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operations and maintenance (O&M), and other activities performed by the Public Works Department.

WWTP Activities - Mahler Water Reclamation Facility

- 29.28 million gallons (MG) of wastewater treated this month
- 1.74 MG max daily flow discharged
- 0.94 MG average daily flow discharged

Compliance:

- Wastewater plant process had no violations for October 2025. The WWTP process has had “zero” process violations for the last 17 months.
- The City received a Notice of Civil Penalty from DEQ for wastewater discharge violations from the Wastewater Treatment Facility into Ames Creek and South Santiam River between October 2022 through May 2024. Staff will meet with DEQ to discuss it in detail. DEQ and the City staff agreed to modify the Notice of Penalty. City is waiting for DEQ’s response. The City will have the opportunity to do Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in lieu of the fine.

O&M Projects:

- Wastewater plant switched to winter permit limitations on November 1, 2025.
- Mahler Water Reclamation Facility Project has been fully designed and is waiting for funding. Staff have completed the WIFIA application and submitted the \$25,000 application fee but are waiting for financial documents (completed FY23 Audit and an updated Credit Rating Report for the City). Once the audit is completed, the application will be submitted.

WTP Activities - Sweet Home Water Treatment Plant

- 32.98 MG finish water treated this month
- 1.68 MG max daily demand
- 1.10 MG average daily demand

Compliance:

- No process violations for October 2025.

Raw Turbidity NTUs:

- Levels currently range are less than 5 NTUs during the month of October.

O&M Projects:

- Army Corps Green Peter drawdown meetings have been held biweekly through November 12, 2025. Meetings will now be held weekly through the duration of the drawdown.

Engineering Projects

- Ongoing ROW inspections for Ziplly Fiber installations throughout the community.
- Ongoing Coulter subdivision inspections.
- Request for quotes for a pole structure at Police Department.
- Completed the DEQ TMDL Stormwater update for 2025.
- Assisted other departments with small projects.
- Updated infrastructure in GIS for iWorQ database integration.

Public Works Field Activities

Water Division

- Staff continue with water distribution system leak detection citywide.
- Staff continue to locate all City owned utilities for contractors throughout the service area.
- Staff have scheduled the installation of new water meters on 8th Avenue, and prepping 8th Avenue water main replacement project between Dogwood and Cedar. Materials have been ordered and received.

Collections System Division

- Staff started sewer main cleaning throughout the service area.
- Staff repaired the CCTV generator and performed sewer main CCTV inspections.
- Collections staff started winter Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) flow monitoring in basins 8, 13, & 16.

Streets Division

- Staff cleaned ditches for stormwater.
- Staff continue with a small amount of asphalt patch work for water leak repairs.
- Scheduled weekly street sweeping is ongoing.
- Staff is conducting fall leaf collection season, which began Monday, October 13, 2025 and will continue through Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Parks & Facilities Division

- Staff working on Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) east of Ames Creek in Sankey Park. All vegetation has been mowed, sprayed and debris removed. Silage traps will be put in place mid-October. Traps will remain in place for one year.

- Staff set up Sankey Park for the annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4, 2025.
- Staff maintained City parks, cleaned restrooms, and collected garbage from public trash cans.
- Working on park benches in-house.

Stormwater Division

- Staff are cleaning storm drain lines as needed.
- Staff are cleaning storm ditches along street easements as time allows.