

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2025 MEETING
City Hall, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City
6:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Gordon Thistle, Chair
Jon Burdett, Committee Member
Robert Campbell, Committee Member
Finos Lunsford, Committee Member
Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
Alex Reed, Mayor

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Project Updates

- **Upper Reservoir Overflow Drain Project**
The lead we were pursuing as an option for the overflow drain project did not work out, so the City will continue to review alternate options that are financially feasible. Micah reported that with all of the recent upgrades and safety features, the likelihood of the reservoir overflowing is minimal.
- **Upgrade SCADA software & HMI**
Micah reported the computer and software have been purchased and the next step is for it to be installed. Micah will be reaching out to AET to get that done.
- **K Street Pump Station Improvements Project**
Micah is working with Andrew Niemi at Lower Columbia Engineering and should know more soon about what needs to be done to get this project wrapped up.
- **Steel Tank Replacement/Abandonment**
Micah is working on putting information together to get bids for the replacement of a group of four tanks. After the bids come back, we'll see if

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we keep moving forward with having a third party do the work, have public works start replacing them, or a combination of both.

2. Develop proposed project list for the draft 2025-26 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

- **Five-Year Plan for Water Projects**

After reviewing the project list, the five-year plan is as follows:

- Upper Reservoir Overflow Drain Project continue into budget year 2025-26
- Fourth Street Water Line Replacement (I to L Streets) and Hydrant Installation in budget year 2028-29
- Fifth Street Water Line Replacement (E to C Streets) and Hydrant Installation in budget year 2028-29
- Replace the remaining cast-iron lines in budget year 2029-30

- **Five-Year Plan for Sewer Projects**

After reviewing the project list, the five-year plan is as follows:

- Steel Tank Replacement/Abandonment of final tanks in budget year 2025-26
- E Street Sewer Main Replacement (west side of Highway 30 to Second Street) in budget year 2028-29

Mayor Reed relayed a suggestion he had received from a resident. It was regarding the possibility of a rebate for installing water efficient toilets. He inquired if that is something we could do and asked if it would be helpful in any way. Micah said any reduction of water into our system is beneficial as it reduces the amount of water we are pumping over to St. Helens to be processed, saving us money. It also saves the resident money since they are using less water.

Adjournment Time: 7:15 p.m.