

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.

**Columbia City City Hall, 1840 Second Street
Columbia City, Oregon**

Attendees:

Jon Burdett, Committee Member
Finos Lunsford, Committee Member
Chuck Garman, Committee Member
Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent

Absent:

Gordon Thistle, Chair
Robert Campbell, Committee Member

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. Project Updates

- **Upgrade SCADA software & HMI**

This project was completed in June of 2025.

- **Steel Tank Replacement/Abandonment**

An additional five steel septic tanks were replaced. There are thirteen remaining, with the goal of replacing these ASAP. The budget and public works bandwidth will determine whether to keep moving forward with having a third party do the work, have public works replace them, or a combination of both.

- **Upper Reservoir Overflow Drain Project**

The City met with some of the property owners on Miloris Way to discuss the different options for possible routes of the overflow drain that may involve easements/access to their properties. They were open to possible future discussions. We met our engineers at the reservoir site and discussed different options and asked them to put a bid together. The route used for

the bid headed west from the reservoir. The guesstimate was \$111,000, but if public works were able to do the construction it would be less.

- **K Street Pump Station Improvements Project**

The engineer's proposal to complete this project is \$147,000.

- **Lead Lines**

Micah also reported that the lead water line survey for the state had been completed and there are no lead water lines in Columbia City.

2. Develop proposed project list for the draft 2026-27 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 in budget year 2027-28
- Fourth Street Water Line Replacement (I to L Streets) and Hydrant Installation in budget year 2029-30
- Fifth Street Water Line Replacement (E to C Streets) and Hydrant Installation in budget year 2029-30
- Replace the remaining cast-iron lines in budget year 2030-31

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

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

- Steel Tank Replacement/Abandonment of remaining tanks in budget year 2026-27
- K Street Pump Station Improvement Project in budget year 2026-27
- E Street Sewer Main Replacement (west side of Highway 30 to Second Street) in budget year 2030-31

Adjournment Time: 4:15 p.m.