Utility Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 15th, 2026, Utility Commission Minutes.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursement Report and Accounts Payable Report.
3. Outage Reports.

Unfinished Business

New Business

4. Consider and approve the administrative recommendation that Markquart RV install a Holding Tank for wastewater generated on site, instead of allowing the originally proposed dump station directly into the Columbus Utility sewage collection system.
5. Consider and take action on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Reports

6. Director's Report Outline.
7. November Live Lines.

Adjourn

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Utility Commission Meeting - AMENDED Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

President Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Lori Koenig-Fry, Sandy Curtis, Michael Thom, Joe Hammer and Brook Andler. Molly Finkler and Jack Sanderson were an excused absence.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Curtis, second by Hammer to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Hammer, seconded by Koenig-Fry to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approval of the September 24th Utility Commission Minutes.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursement Report and Accounts Payable Report.
3. Outage Reports.

Unfinished Business

New Business

4. Consider and take action on task order 2026-07 with Ruekert-Mielke related to the 2027 Capital Improvement Project.

   Sam Bomasn provided a presentation on the updated task order and answered questions from the Commission.

   Motion by Hammer, seconded by Andler to approve Task Order 2026-07 with Ruekert-Mielke related to 2027 Capital Improvement Project for $166,690. Motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

5. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan.

   Randall Myrum presented the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and responded to questions from the Commission. He requested that Commissioners review the plan in preparation for further

discussion at the next Commission meeting. At that meeting, he will seek the Commission's recommendation to forward the items relevant to the Commission to the City Council for approval.

6. Consider and take possible action on the 2027 Operating Budget.

   Michelle Kaltenberg provided a presentation on the 2027 Operating Budget and answered questions from the Commission.

   Motion by Curtis, seconded by Koenig-Fry to approve the 2027 Operating Budget. Motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Reports

7. Director's Report Outline.

   Randall Myrum provided the Director's Report.

8. October 2026 Live Lines.

Adjourn

Motion by Koenig-Fry, seconded by Andler to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Utility Commission

Meeting Date: November 19, 2026

Item Title: Consider and take action on Financial Reports.

Submitted By: Michelle Kaltenberg, Business Manager

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Included in the Financial Reports are the Treasurer's Report and the Cash Disbursements Report.

The Accounts Payable Report will be sent via email on the Wednesday before the Commission meeting.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. The Cash Disbursements Report

Action Requested of Commission:

1. Review and approve the Cash Disbursements Report and the Accounts Payable Report.

CITY OF COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS UTILITIES
TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2026

GENERAL FUND (commingled cash) - ACCOUNT #1310		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	1,629,408.79
Receipts:	$	1,228,216.40
Interest Earned:	$	546.92
Sub-total:	$	2,858,172.11
Disbursements:	$	(1,364,531.46)
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**1,493,640.65**

NOTE: Conventional utility accounting standards recommend a balance equal to two month's expenses - approx. $1,400,000 (LGIP & Checking).

CW&L RESERVE FUND - F&M - ACCOUNT #1251		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	434,992.74
Receipts:	$	-
Interest Earned:	$	-
Sub-total:	$	434,992.74
Withdrawal from CDAR :	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**434,992.74**

F&M Bank/CDAR 52 Week Certificate of Deposit:
$170,211.28 Due June 2026 3.70%; $170,211.28 Due December 2026 4.25%; $94,570.18 Due July 2027 3.70%

UTILITY GENERAL FUND - LGIP #13 - ACCOUNT #1314		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	574,082.57
Receipts:	$	15,500.00
Interest Earned:	$	1,939.67
Sub-total:	$	591,522.24
Disbursements:		
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**591,522.24**

E-3-P ENHANCED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM - F&M - ACCOUNT #1313		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	146,356.81
Receipts:	$	1,685.89
Interest Earned *(pd semi-annually May/Nov)* :		
Sub-total:	$	148,042.70
Disbursements:		
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**148,042.70**

MRB PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - LGIP #5 - ACCOUNT #1255		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	380,814.97
Receipts:	$	30,000.00
Interest Earned:	$	1,305.87
Sub-total:	$	412,120.84
Disbursements:	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**412,120.84**

NOTE: Transfers are made monthly to accrue sufficient funds to make May 1 and November 1 principal & interest payments.

CW&L DEPRECIATION - LGIP #6 - ACCOUNT #1266		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	650,347.68
Receipts:	$	5,000.00
Interest Earned:	$	2,185.13
Sub-total:	$	657,532.81
Disbursements:	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**657,532.81**

NOTE: Bond covenants require a "depreciation fund" with recommended balance of $300,000 to cover plant renewals and replacements.

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #4 - SEWER UTILITY GENERAL FUNDS		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	1,289.93
Receipts:	$	-
Interest Earned:	$	4.32
Sub-total:	$	1,294.25
Disbursements:	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**1,294.25**

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #8 - BOND REDEMPTION/RESERVE		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	517,241.69
Receipts:		
Interest Earned:	$	1,734.03
Sub-total:	$	518,975.72
Disbursements:	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**518,975.72**

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #11 - COLLECTION MAIN - REPLACEMENT		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		$918,201.09
Receipts:		
Interest Earned:		$3,078.23
Sub-total:	$	921,279.32
Disbursements:	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**921,279.32**

SEWER UTILITY - F&M SAVINGS - BOND REDEMPTION/RESERVE		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	237,176.72
Receipts:		
Interest Earned *(pd semi-annually May/Nov)* :		
Sub-total:	$	237,176.72
Disbursements:		
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**237,176.72**

WWTP REPLACEMENT FUNDS - LGIP #9		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	275,754.11
Receipts:	$	15,460.00
Interest Earned:	$	939.50
Sub-total:	$	292,153.61
Disbursements:	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**292,153.61**

WWTP FALL RIVER RESTRICTRED REPLACEMENT FUNDS - F&M CDARS		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	$	1,065,564.23
Receipts:	$	-
Interest Earned:	$	-
Sub-total:	$	1,065,564.23
Withdrawal from CDAR :	$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	**$**	**1,065,564.23**

F&M Bank/CDAR (2) - Interest paid out and deposited to Checking
$99,1581.43 Due August 2026 3.70%; $73,982.80 Due September 2026 3.65%

F&M Union Bank-Checking/Savings	0.4% / 0.75%	Local Gov't. Investment Pool	3.95%
Farmers & Merchants Bank - CDARS	3.70-%-4.25%		

COLUMBUS UTILITIES
CASH DISBURSEMENTS REPORT
OCTOBER, 2026

				Wednesday, November 11, 2026
	CHECK			
DATE	NO	NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
15-Oct	25239	A.C. ENGINEERING CO.	$2,882.00	TEST HOSPITAL PAD-MOUNT TX & REPLACEMENT 15KV TX BUSHING IN TX
15-Oct	25240	AMBUSH PEST CONTROL LLC	$120.00	ADMIN BLDG RODENT CONTROL-E; ADMIN BLDG RODENT CONTROL-W; SUBSTATION RODENT CONTROL #4
15-Oct	25241	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SU 933214	$6,584.02	(25) GUARD BUSHINGS, (12) ARRESTOR ELBOWS, (2) OH TRANSFOMERS
15-Oct	25242	CARDINAL EMBROIDERY & SC	$100.00	EMBROIDERY LOGO/NAME - JAKE T & CRAIG S; 5 SHIRTS FOR ZACH
15-Oct	25243	CENTRAL CONTRACTING ELEC	$3,027.85	4.16 KV CONVERSION
15-Oct	25244	CITY OF COLUMBUS	$342,221.95	2026 WEST SCHOOL ST RECONSTRUCTION-R&M #165902; 2026 WEST SCHOOL ST RECONSTRUCTION-R&M #165907; PAY REQUEST NO. 3 FOREST LANDSCAPI
15-Oct	25245	COLUMBUS CHAMBER CHOIR	$300.00	PATRON DONATION
15-Oct	25246	CORE & MAIN LP	$205.80	INVENTORY FOR COLLECTION SYSTEM REPAIRS
15-Oct	25247	Culligan Water Conditioning	$66.00	PE-DI RENT 10/01-10/31, DI REGENERATION CHARGE
15-Oct	25248	DAVY LABORATORIES	$53.00	1 SDWA LEAD/COPPER (20)
15-Oct	25249	DINGES FIRE COMPANY	$285.00	DRAGER CALIBRATION/BUMP TEST (2); CALIBRATION/ BUMP TEST-E; CALIBRATION/ BUMP TEST-W
15-Oct	25250	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING	$2,100.00	ACUTE AND CHRONIC WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING
15-Oct	25251	FORSTER ELECTRICAL ENGIN	$8,425.00	SUBSTATION #2 UPGRADE; 4.16KV CONVERSION; DISTRIBUTION PLANNING AND REGULATROY APPROVAL; LINE DESIGN SPECIFICATION & MATERIALS-WESTI
15-Oct	25252	GRAINGER, INC.	$8,674.80	FILTER PROJECT; SAMPLERS; BLOWER IN-TAKE PROJECT
15-Oct	25253	HADY ELECTRIC, INC.	$435.00	TROUBLE CALL FOR KIWANIS LIFT STATION SEPT 26TH
15-Oct	25254	HAWKINS, INC	$1,739.94	WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS
15-Oct	25255	HydroCorp, LLC	$980.00	CROSS CONNECTION CNTRL PRGM
15-Oct	25256	ICS Medical Answering Service, L	$239.00	PHONE ANSWERING SERVICE - E; PHONE ANSWERING SERVICE - W
15-Oct	25257	INFOSEND, INC.	$1,976.90	UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING - E; UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING - S; UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING - W; MY ACCOUNT INSERT; RECYCLIN
15-Oct	25258	JACQUELINE BOHRMUELLER	$42.11	REFUND OVER PAID UTILITIES
15-Oct	25259	JASMINE KITTS	$276.37	REFUND OVER PAID UTILITIES
15-Oct	25260	LIVING WATERS CHEMISTRY	$466.66	CONTRACT W/ ADVANCED CHEMICAL SYSTEMS
15-Oct	25261	LOGISTICS RECYCLING, INC.	$1,311.33	LAMP RECYCLING EVENT
15-Oct	25262	MID-STATE EQUIPMENT, INC.	$84.96	BLADES FOR THE LAWN MOWER
15-Oct	25263	NCL OF WISCONSIN, INC	$165.00	DAILY WASTEWATER TESTING MATERIALS
15-Oct	25264	NICOLE RENKAS	$203.00	MILEAGE FOR MEUW REGULATION, COMPLIANCE & SAFETY; MILAGE UTILITY PLANNING & RISK MANAGEMENT-E; MILAGE UTILITY PLANNING & RISK MANAC
15-Oct	25265	NIEMANN FOODS, INC	$237.25	SHIPPING WATER SAMPLES; ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT, WD40, ELEC BOX, TOILET BOW CLEANER, TOILET; PLANT 1 GRIME PUMP; PARKING LOT LIGHT ELEC BOX,
15-Oct	25266	NORTHERN LAKE SERVICE, IN	$456.13	2026 QUARTERLY TESTING WASTEWATER
15-Oct	25267	OpenPoint	$1,250.00	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION - E; MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION - W
15-Oct	25268	PRAIRIE RIDGE HEALTH	$27.00	PREEMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREEN ZACH
15-Oct	25269	PUBLIC SERVICE COMM OF WI	$11,071.67	ADVANCE & REMAINDER ASSEMENT - W; ADVANCE & REMAINDER ASSEMENT - E
15-Oct	25270	RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC	$4,535.31	GENERAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING & CIP UPDATES; WATER PLANT 2 UPGRADE; WATER QUALITY TRADING ASSISTANCE; SEWER UTILITY SERVICES
15-Oct	25271	SAFETYU LOGISTICS	$1,050.00	WET TESTING-WASTEWATER
15-Oct	25272	ST JEROMES SCHOOL	$500.00	ST JEROMES SCHOOL
15-Oct	25273	STUART C IRBY CO	$9,832.40	25 CUT OUTS; MINOR MATERIAL OH; MINOR MATERIAL UG
15-Oct	25274	UNITED FUND OF COLUMBUS	$600.00	UNITED FUND OF COLUMBUS DONATION
15-Oct	25275	USA BLUE BOOK	$6,602.49	DAILY WASTEWASTER TESTING
15-Oct	25276	USIC LOCATING SERVICES, IN	$2,738.20	LOCATING EXPENSES - E; LOCATING EXPENSES - W
15-Oct	25277	VC3, INC	$299.09	NETWORK SECURTY/FIREWALL LIC/SUB
15-Oct	25278	WI STATE LABORATORY OF HY	$33.00	FLUORIDE TEST
15-Oct	25279	WYATT GRAFFIN	$1,500.00	SCHOLARSHIP
15-Oct	25280	ZIELIE'S TREE SERVICE INC	$15,352.00	TREE TRIMMING
		SUBTOTAL	$439,050.23	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST APPROVED AT OCTOBER MEETING
01-Oct	ACH	Farmers & Merchants Union Bank	$35.00	NSF Fees
15-Oct	ACH-5007	BROOK M ANDLER	$50.00	MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - S; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - W; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - E
15-Oct	ACH-5008	JACK SANDERSON	$50.00	MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - E; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - W; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - S
15-Oct	ACH-5009	Lori Koenig-Fry	$50.00	COMMISSION SALARY-E; COMMISSION SALARY-W; COMMISSION SALARY-WW
15-Oct	ACH-5010	Michael Thom	$50.00	MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - E; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - S; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - W
15-Oct	ACH-5011	Sandra Curtis	$50.00	MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - E; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - S; MONTHLY COMMISSION SALARY - W
21-Oct	ACH-5012	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC	$0.00	VOID — 2026 SCADA PROJECT-WIMS LICENSE
21-Oct	ACH-5013	SEERA	$0.00	VOID — FOCUS ON ENERGY PAYMENT

21-Oct	ACH-5014	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC	$0.00	VOID — 2026 SCADA PROJECT-WIMS LICENSE
21-Oct	ACH-5015	SEERA	$0.00	VOID — FOCUS ON ENERGY PAYMENT
21-Oct	ACH-5016	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC	$0.00	VOID — 2026 SCADA PROJECT-WIMS LICENSE
21-Oct	ACH-5017	SEERA	$0.00	VOID — FOCUS ON ENERGY PAYMENT
21-Oct	ACH-5018	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC	$3,870.46	2026 SCADA PROJECT-WIMS LICENSE
21-Oct	ACH-5019	SEERA	$1,925.02	FOCUS ON ENERGY PAYMENT
28-Oct	ACH-5020	AMERICAN TRANSMISSION CO	$19,525.00	ADDITIONAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION
20-Oct	ACH-5021	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	$100.00	INTERNET ADMIN BUILDING - E; INTERNET ADMIN BUILDING - W
20-Oct	ACH-5022	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	$79.11	FIRST AID SUPPLIES - E; FIRST AID SUPPLIES - W
05-Oct	ACH-5023	PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK	$4,031.55	CUSTOMER PAYMENT FEE -E; CUSTOMER PAYMENT FEE -S; CUSTOMER PAYMENT FEE -W
20-Oct	ACH-5024	RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	$294.77	PRINTER AGREEMENT-ELECTRIC; PRINTER AGREEMENT-WASTEWATER; PRINTER AGREEMENT-WATER
20-Oct	ACH-5025	WE ENERGIES	$16.54	NATURAL GAS WATER PLANT
05-Oct	ACH-5026	WEX BANK	$1,511.84	FUEL-WW; FUEL-W; FUEL-E
28-Oct	ACH-5027	WPPI ENERGY	$579,799.38	SHARED METER TECH; WAN, ASSESSMENT, CYBER SECURITY - E; WAN, ASSESSMENT, CYBER SECURITY - W; ELECTRIC MDM CHARGES; WATER MDM CHARGES
20-Oct	ACH-5028	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	$119.99	INTERNET ELECTRIC SCADA
20-Oct	ACH-5029	RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	$89.50	ONSITE SERVICE ON 10/2/2026
20-Oct	ACH-5030	WE ENERGIES	$16.86	GENERATOR ON JAMES ST
19-Oct	ACH-5031	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	$135.00	WASTEWATER SPECTRUM
19-Oct	ACH-5032	RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	$946.75	SMART CONNECT TOWER 3 HOUR CHARGE
19-Oct	ACH-5033	WE ENERGIES	$40.41	NATURAL GAS SERVICE ADMIN BUILDING; NATURAL GAS SERVICE ADMIN BUILDING - E
14-Oct	ACH-5034	WI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	$11,385.45	SALE AND USE TAX
15-Oct	ACH-5035	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	$1,000.00	POSTAGE -E; POSTAGE -W; POSTAGE -WW
20-Oct	ACH-5036	RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	$2,631.53	IT AGREEMENT-ELECTRIC; IT AGREEMENT-WASTEWATER; IT AGREEMENT-WATER
20-Oct	ACH-5037	WE ENERGIES	$16.86	WATERLOO ST LIFT STATION
15-Oct	ACH-5038	WI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	$2,375.80	GROSS REVENUE ASSESSMENT LICENSE FEE
21-Oct	ACH-5039	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	$81.18	POSTAGE METER RENTAL - E; POSTAGE METER RENTAL - S; POSTAGE METER RENTAL - W
21-Oct	ACH-5040	KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWO	$333.75	FUEL-WW
21-Oct	ACH-5041	WE ENERGIES	$168.87	TREATMENT PLANT
20-Oct	ACH-5042	WE ENERGIES	$14.03	WASTE WATER PUMP STATION
20-Oct	ACH-5043	WE ENERGIES	$16.86	WESTSIDE SEWAGE LIFT
20-Oct	ACH-5044	WE ENERGIES	$18.80	119 MIDDLETON ST LIFT STATION
20-Oct	ACH-5045	Elan Financial Services	$5,807.72	WPPI ANNUAL MEETING LODGING-DALTON; GIVE AWAY ITEMS; OFFICE SUPPLIES, EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION; SCADA PHONE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, EMAIL SUBSCRIPT
27-Oct	Transfer	Investment Pool	$30,000.00	September Bond Interest Payment
27-Oct	Transfer	Investment Pool	$5,000.00	September Depreciation Payment
27-Oct	Transfer	Investment Pool	$15,500.00	Transfer into LGIP #13 General Fund
27-Oct	Transfer	Investment Pool	$15,460.00	TRANSFER INTO LGIP #9-UTILITY GENERAL FUND
02-Oct	ACH	CWL Net Payroll	$35,808.13	Net Payroll for 1st Payroll in October #20
02-Oct	ACH-4999	EFTPS	$11,572.47	FICA/FED/MED Withholding Payroll #20
02-Oct	ACH-5001	WI Deferred Comp Board	$1,844.26	Payroll Deferral Billing for Payroll #20
02-Oct	ACH-5000	North Shore Bank	$300.00	North Shore Deferred Comp #20
17-Oct	ACH	CWL Net Payroll	$36,249.56	Net Payroll for 2nd Payroll in October #21
17-Oct	ACH-5003	EFTPS	$11,701.10	FICA/FED/MED Withholding Payroll #21
17-Oct	ACH-5005	WI Deferred Comp Board	$1,932.50	Payroll Deferral Billing for Payroll #21
17-Oct	ACH-5004	North Shore Bank	$300.00	North Shore Deferred Comp #21
17-Oct	ACH-5002-500	WI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	$3,645.57	State Withholding Payroll #20 &21
30-Oct	ACH	CWL Net Payroll	$38,876.76	Net Payroll for 3rd Payroll in October #22
30-Oct	ACH-5060	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	$1,981.61	State Withholding Payroll #22
30-Oct	ACH-5057	EFTPS	$12,631.77	FICA/FED/MED Withholding Payroll #22
30-Oct	ACH-5059	WI Deferred Comp Board	$1,799.36	Payroll Deferral Billing for Payroll #22
30-Oct	ACH-5058	North Shore Bank	$300.00	North Shore Deferred Comp #22
30-Oct	ACH-5046	City of Columbus-Aflac	$82.42	Employees Aflac - October
30-Oct	ACH-5049	City of Columbus - Life	$544.31	Employees Life Insurance - October
30-Oct	ACH-5048	City of Columbus - Health	$29,337.62	Employees Health Insurance - October
30-Oct	ACH-5050	City of Columbus - Dental	$1,564.76	Employees Dental Insurance - October
30-Oct	ACH-5051	City of Columbus - Vision	$195.20	Employees Vision Insurance - October
30-Oct	ACH-5052	City of Columbus - Health Savings Ac	$2,838.82	Employees Health Savings Account Transfer - October
30-Oct	ACH-5047	City of Columbus - Retirement	$24,162.30	Employees Retirement - October
30-Oct	ACH-5053	City of Columbus-LTD	$348.06	Employees LTD-September
30-Oct	ACH-5054	City of Columbus-Assurity	$1,085.43	Employees Assurity-September

30-Oct	ACH-5055	City of Columbus-Champ Plan	$10,334.88	Employees Champ Plan-September
30-Oct	ACH-5056	City of Columbus-Champ Benefit	($8,390.88)	Employees Champ Benefit-September
25-Oct	Transfer	E3P	$1,685.89	E3P Transfer
31-Oct		Farmers & Merchants Union Bank	$151.30	ACH Fees/ Wire Fees
		SUBTOTAL	$925,481.23	
		TOTAL	$1,364,531.46	APPROVED BY:
				DATE:

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT CUSTOMER OUTAGE REPORT

SUBSTATION 4 CIRCUIT # 403 DATE 10 \ 09 \ 2026

LOCATION OF FUSE OR RECLOSER Sunset Circle

CUSTOMER NAME OR LOCATION _____

REMARKS Squirrel

PART THAT FAILED

0 None
1 Numerous
2 Other-note in remarks
3 Transmission equipment
4 Substation equipment

O.H. DISTRIBUTION

10 Anchor or guy
11 Arrester
12 Conductor – Primary
13 " - Secondary
14 Connector
21 Insulator
24 Metering equipment
25 Pole
26 Recloser
27 Riser or Jumper
28 Splice
29 Switch - GOAB
30 " - Disc.
31 Cutout - Fused
32 Transformer – Line
33 Transformer – Potential

U.G. DISTRIBUTION

50 Arrester
51 Conductor – Primary
52 " - Secondary
53 Connector – Bolted
54 " - Comp.
55 " - Elbow
56 " - Splice
59 Terminator
60 Transformer – Pad Mount
61 Transformer – Bayonet Fuse
62 Metering Equipment

WEATHER _____

1 Normal
2 Wind
3 Thunderstorm
4 Rain
5 Rain and wind
6 Fog
7 Ice
8 Ice and wind
9 Snow
10 Extreme cold
11 Extreme heat
12 Extreme storm

CAUSE _____

0 Unknown
1 Loss of supply
2 Operating error
3 Circuit overload
4 Mis-coordination
5 Faulty installation
6 Lightning
7 Wind
8 Ice
9 Cold weather
10 Hot Weather
11 Moisture
12 Contamination
13 Fire
14 Extreme storm

FOREIGN OBJECTS

20 Vehicles
22 Trees – tore down
23 Trees – shorted
24 Animals
25 Birds
26 Underground dig in
27 Vandalism
28 Other

EQUIPMENT

30 Manufacturing defect
31 Equipment overload
32 Electrical failure
33 Worn out

(use 24 hour time)

TIME OFF 457 ON 552

Number of Calls 1

Number of Customers	Minutes Duration
3	59 Min

TRANSFORMER FAILURE

CWL# _____ KVA _____

MFG _____ AGE (est) _____

Serial # _____

Arrester ON / OFF Tank (circle one)

ARRESTOR FAILURE

MFR _____ Porc Polymer

Riser Line Transformer
(circle all that apply)

DEVICE THAT OPENED

Distribution
Main Feeder

Breaker _____ Counter _____

Targets _____

Branch Line

O.C.R. _____ Size _____

Fuse 6D/5T/98 Size 10K

Transformer

Fuse _____ Transf. Size _____

ROUTING (initial)

Responded By Jeff Hecht

Line Assisted By Craig Schultz

Assisted By _____

Manager _____

Outage File

CITY OF COLUMBUS, WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES & PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Columbus Utility Commission
FROM:	Dalton Hiley, Assistant Director, Utility & DPW
DATE:	November 2, 2026
RE:	Markquart RV - Proposed RV Dump Station and Holding-Tank Waste
ACTION:	Consider and approve the recommended administrative path and conditions below

Background

Markquart RV proposes an RV dump station at 200 Commerce Drive for wastewater removed from recreational vehicles taken in on trade. The original requested concept contemplated a holding tank followed by discharge into the City sanitary sewer. Due to long term testing, permitting and monitoring requirements, the Utility staff recommends a different approach: the RV waste would be collected in a dedicated watertight holding tank located properly on site in accordance with zoning setbacks and other easement impacts. The proposed tank would have no connection to the municipal collection system and have the waste periodically removed by a properly licensed septage hauler for delivery to a wastewater treatment facility authorized to receive it.

Authority Under Chapter 102

Chapter 102, Article V of the Columbus Municipal Code provides the local authority for this determination. Section 102-191 states that the article regulates public and private sewers and the disposal of holding-tank and septic-tank wastes into the public sewerage system; authorizes determination of wastewater volume, constituents, and characteristics; and establishes restrictions intended to prevent interference, pass-through, or contamination of municipal sludge.

Accordingly, the proposed recommendation on a direct RV-dump connection may be administered under Chapter 102. Utility Commission action is recommended to establish a clear policy record for this site-specific request.

Recommended Utility Commission Action

Staff recommends that the Utility Commission approve the following directions for the above request:

- Do not authorize a direct, indirect, valved, overflow, bypass, or emergency connection from the proposed RV dump station or its holding tank to the City sanitary sewer collection system.
- Require the RV wastewater to be collected in a dedicated, watertight holding tank designed and approved under the applicable DSPS, DNR, plumbing, building, and local requirements.
- Require tank contents to be removed only by a Wisconsin-licensed septage business using properly registered vehicles and disposed of at a facility authorized to receive the waste.
- Any future acceptance of holding tank waste by the City should be require following waste hauler requirements through a separate written authorization identifying acceptance location, waste characterization, sampling or rejection rights, volume limits, scheduling, documentation, fees, indemnification, and termination rights.

Suggested Motion

Move to approve the Utility staff recommendation for the Markquart RV dump-station proposal: prohibit connection of the RV dump station and holding tank to the City sanitary sewer collection system; require collection in an approved watertight holding tank and removal by a properly licensed septage hauler to an authorized receiving facility; clarify that this action does not obligate the City wastewater treatment facility to accept the waste; and authorize Utility staff to issue the appropriate written determination and coordinate required agency reviews.

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Projects By Department

Department	Project #	Priority	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total
Electric Utility								
International HV Bucket Truck	*ELE-001*	1	292,167					**292,167**
International Dump Truck	*ELE-002*	4				280,000		**280,000**
Municipal Storage Building (1/3)	*ELE-003*	1	400,000					**400,000**
Pole Testing	*ELE-004*	2		16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	**64,000**
Pole Replacement	*ELE-005*	3		25,750	25,750	25,750	26,522	**103,772**
Street Light Replacement	*ELE-006*	3		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	**40,000**
Substation #2 Reconstruction	*ELE-007*	1	1,330,000	3,023,000	455,000			**4,808,000**
Substation #3 Upgrades	*ELE-008*	2	62,000	304,000				**366,000**
Substation #4 Expansion	*ELE-009*	2	66,000	87,000	1,225,000			**1,378,000**
Complete 4.16KV Conversion	*ELE-010*	2	2,216,100	1,898,600	1,600,600	2,160,100		**7,875,400**
Utility Trailer	*ELE-011*	2	30,000					**30,000**
Utility Command Truck (1/3)	*ELE-012*	3	21,796					**21,796**
	Electric Utility Total		**4,418,061**	**5,364,350**	**3,332,350**	**2,491,850**	**52,522**	**15,659,133**
Fire								
Radio Replacement	*FIR-001*	1	32,553					**32,553**
100 FT Platform Ladder TRK 93-1/4	*FIR-002*	3		2,250,000				**2,250,000**
Roof Rebuild	*FIR-003*	3			100,000			**100,000**
Sewer Lateral Replacement	*FIR-004*	3			12,000			**12,000**
Windows	*FIR-005*	3			25,000			**25,000**
Brush Truck	*FIR-006*	4					35,000	**35,000**
	Fire Total		**32,553**	**2,250,000**	**137,000**	**0**	**35,000**	**2,454,553**
Grounds & Facility								
Pool Railing Repair	*GRO-001*	1	28,460					**28,460**
Pickle Ball Court Parking Lot	*GRO-002*	2	250,000					**250,000**
Kiwanis Park Playground	*GRO-003*	3	100,000					**100,000**
Aquatic Center / Pump Replacement	*GRO-004*	2		111,598				**111,598**
Kiwanis Parking Lot Pavement	*GRO-005*	3		250,000				**250,000**
Community Trail	*GRO-006*	3	211,800	494,200				**706,000**
Aquatic Center / Pool Renovation	*GRO-007*	2	492,476					**492,476**
Tree Planting Program	*GRO-008*	4	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	**75,000**
Windows/Front Entry - City Hall Annex	*GRO-009*	3		40,000				**40,000**
City Hall Tuck Point / Exterior Painting	*GRO-010*	3		85,000				**85,000**
Kiwanis Park Ball Diamond Upgrades	*GRO-011*	3	60,000	35,000	30,000			**125,000**
	Grounds & Facility Total		**1,157,736**	**1,030,798**	**45,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**2,263,534**
Police								
MDC & Radar	*POL-001*	1	24,000	36,000	24,000	36,000	24,000	**144,000**
Police Cruiser	*POL-002*	1	82,000	84,460	86,994	89,604	92,292	**435,349**
HVAC/Ductwork	*POL-003*	3		30,000				**30,000**
Windows	*POL-004*	3			20,000			**20,000**
Firearm Replacement	*POL-005*	2	12,000					**12,000**
	Police Total		**118,000**	**150,460**	**130,993**	**125,603**	**116,291**	**641,349**
Public Works								
Skag Mower	*PW-001*	2	18,000					

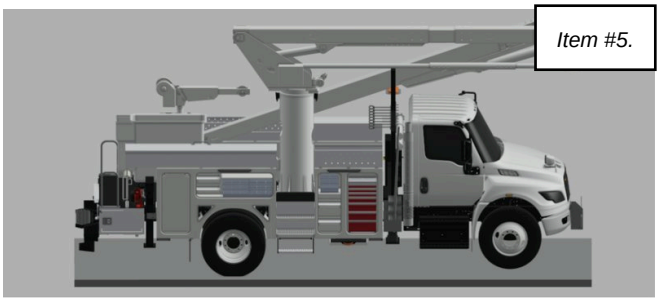
Department	Project #	Priority	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
Leaf Vac Truck	*PW-002*	1	329,500					
1 Ton truck with plow	*PW-003*	2		87,000				**87,000**
1 Ton pick-up truck	*PW-004*	3	72,000					**72,000**
Patch Trailer	*PW-005*	3			15,000			**15,000**
Wood Chipper	*PW-006*	3			75,000			**75,000**
Harrison & Spring Streets	*PW-007*	1	50,000	1,445,321				**1,495,321**
Maple Ave Wedge, Mill & Overlay	*PW-008*	2	675,000					**675,000**
Stuart St Alleyway	*PW-009*	3	65,800					**65,800**
Sidewalk Improvement Program	*PW-010*	2	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	**200,000**
Church/Legion/Richmond	*PW-011*	3		32,500	1,504,482			**1,536,982**
West Prairie St Reconstruct	*PW-012*	3			31,250	1,333,167		**1,364,417**
Tower Drive	*PW-013*	3	200,000					**200,000**
Parkview Dr	*PW-014*	3				27,250	1,258,543	**1,285,793**
Dix St	*PW-015*	3	635,375					**635,375**
Dickason Blvd	*PW-017*	3			411,250			**411,250**
Stump Grinder	*PW-018*	2	35,000					**35,000**
Concrete Grinder	*PW-019*	2	15,000					**15,000**
Recycling Cntr Key Card Access System	*PW-020*	2	112,000					**112,000**
Wing Plow Laser Light Guide	*PW-021*	2	12,000					**12,000**
Programmable Message Board	*PW-022*	4	53,000					**53,000**
	Public Works Total		**2,312,675**	**1,604,821**	**2,076,982**	**1,400,417**	**1,298,543**	**8,693,438**
Storm Water								
Harrison & Spring Streets	*STM-001*	2	50,000	258,353				**308,353**
Church/Legion/Richmond	*STM-002*	3		32,500	250,608			**283,108**
West Prairie St Reconstruct	*STM-003*	3			31,250	270,188		**301,438**
Parkview Dr	*STM-004*	3				27,250	385,710	**412,960**
	Storm Water Total		**50,000**	**290,853**	**281,858**	**297,438**	**385,710**	**1,305,859**
Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer								
Main Instrument Panel PLC	*WAS-001*	1	65,000					**65,000**
SCADA Computer System	*WAS-002*	2	150,000					**150,000**
Municipal Storage Building (1/3)	*WAS-003*	1	400,000					**400,000**
Telemetry Radios	*WAS-004*	3	38,333	38,333	38,333			**114,999**
WWTF SCADA Network Extension	*WAS-005*	3		30,000				**30,000**
Snow Pusher Attachment	*WAS-006*	4	30,000					**30,000**
Televising Equipment and Trailer	*WAS-007*	2	255,000					**255,000**
Harrison & Spring Streets	*WAS-008*	2	50,000	394,505				**444,505**
Church/Legion/Richmond	*WAS-009*	3		32,500	205,505			**238,005**
West Prairie St Reconstruct	*WAS-010*	3			31,250	382,275		**413,525**
Parkview Dr	*WAS-011*	3				27,250	375,667	**402,917**
Utility Truck Replacement	*WAS-012*	2		65,210				**65,210**
Utility Command Truck (1/3)	*WAS-013*	3	21,796					**21,796**
Fiber Install	*WAS-014*	2		25,000				**25,000**
Effluent Flow Meter	*WAS-015*	2	50,000	70,000				**120,000**
	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer Total		**1,060,128**	**655,548**	**275,088**	**409,525**	**375,667**	**2,775,956**
Water Utility								
Water Tower	*WAT-001*	3				917,918		**917,918**
Annual Hydrant Replacement	*WAT-002*	3		155,250	70,000	70,000	70,000	**365,250**
Municipal Storage Building (1/3)	*WAT-003*	1	400,000					**400,000**
Plant No.2 Well Pump Replacement	*WAT-004*	2			150,000			**150,000**
Plant No.2 Booster Pump Replacement	*WAT-005*	2	83,333	85,833	88,408			**257,574**
Land Acquisition - 4 Acres	*WAT-006*	2		416,000				**416,000**
SCADA Computer System	*WAT-007*	1	82,000					

Department	Project #	Priority	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
Water Tower PLC	*WAT-008*	3			11,500			
Shoring Trailer	*WAT-009*	2	24,622					**24,622**
Harrison & Spring Streets	*WAT-010*	2	50,000	848,361				**898,361**
Church/Legion/Richmond	*WAT-011*	3		32,500	278,699			**311,199**
West Prairie St Reconstruct	*WAT-012*	3			31,250	776,623		**807,873**
Parkview Dr	*WAT-013*	3				27,250	545,123	**572,373**
Utility Truck Replacement	*WAT-014*	3		65,250				**65,250**
Utility Command Truck (1/3)	*WAT-015*	3	21,796					**21,796**
Pipe Painting	*WAT-018*	4			52,451			**52,451**
Water Meter Testing	*WAT-019*	2		30,000				**30,000**
Well No. 3 Well Site Investigation	*WAT-020*	2	40,000					**40,000**
Well No. 3 Test Well	*WAT-021*	2		120,000				**120,000**
	Water Utility Total		**701,750**	**1,753,193**	**682,307**	**1,791,791**	**615,123**	**5,544,165**
	GRAND TOTAL		**9,850,903**	**13,100,023**	**6,961,578**	**6,531,624**	**2,893,856**	**39,337,987**

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Project #	ELE-001
Project Name	International HV Bucket Truck

Total Project Cost	$292,167	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

USSI S.Q. 260802 - Columbus Utility - VST-600

VST-6000 I05 Aerial Specs - Columbus - USSI S

Description

New Versa lift, VST-6000-IO5, Insulated 59' telescopic aerial platform lift.

Justification

The existing bucket truck has reached its expiration date. A bucket truck is a truck with a piece of aerial lift and platform equipment used to hold linemen while navigating around or over objects (poles, lines, trees, etc.). Acquiring this truck will enable staff to carry out challenging tasks and utility maintenance with greater efficiency and safety.

Life Budget Utilization

$292,167 of $292,167 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	292,167	0	0	0	0	**292,167**	0
	Total	**292,166**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**292,166**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	292,167	0	0	0	0	**292,167**	0
	Total	**292,166**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**292,166**	

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Project #	ELE-002
Project Name	International Dump Truck

Total Project Cost	$280,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	4 - Consideration	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replace the electric departments 2007 International dump truck. Truck #26 is used for hauling spoils, construction material such as various grades of stone, and equipment.

Justification

Set to replace the existing aged dump truck as part of the 10 year renewal plan. The equipment replacement schedule, that the director is working to get back on track, is designed to be more economical in the vehicle maintenance budget. With the age of the truck, repair parts are becoming harder to locate creating longer down time when out of service.

Life Budget Utilization

$280,000 of $280,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	0	0	280,000	0	**280,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**280,000**	**0**	**280,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	280,000	0	**280,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**280,000**	**0**	**280,000**	

Project #	ELE-003
Project Name	Municipal Storage Building (1/3)

Total Project Cost	$400,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Buildings
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

Outbuilding.jpg

Description

A new municipal storage building located at the Water & Light campus.

Justification

An additional operations / storage facility with climate control has become necessary to address rising space constraints for the City's more technical, oversized assets, such as the Vactor Truck, and electrical and water department materials that are UV and climate sensitive.

Life Budget Utilization

$400,000 of $400,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	400,000	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	400,000	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	



Project #	ELE-004
Project Name	Pole Testing

Total Project Cost	$80,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Pole testing and joint use inspection by an outside consultant to test 10-15% of the systems poles each year. Information from the pole testing will help develop an accurate pole maintenance and replacement schedule to keep the system updated. Changing these poles out help limit outages and duration of outage time.

Justification

Information from the pole testing and joint use inspection will help develop an accurate pole replacement schedule to keep the system updated and keep pole attachment revenue accurate. Changing these poles out help limit both outages and duration of outages.

Life Budget Utilization

$80,000 of $80,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	**64,000**	16,000
	Total	**0**	**16,000**	**16,000**	**16,000**	**16,000**	**64,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	**64,000**	16,000
	Total	**0**	**16,000**	**16,000**	**16,000**	**16,000**	**64,000**	

Project #	ELE-005
Project Name	Pole Replacement

Total Project Cost	$130,295	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1

Description

Pole testing and inspection will identify poles that require replacement. Developing an accurate pole maintenance and replacement schedule will keep the system updated. Changing failing poles out helps limit property damages, outages, and duration of outages.

Justification

Having designated resources will help develop an accurate pole replacement schedule to keep the system updated and keep pole attachment revenue accurate. Changing failed poles out helps to limit property and safety damages, outages, and duration of outages.

Life Budget Utilization

$130,295 of $130,295 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	25,750	25,750	25,750	26,522	**103,772**	26,522
	Total	**0**	**25,750**	**25,750**	**25,750**	**26,522**	**103,772**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	25,750	25,750	25,750	26,522	**103,772**	26,522
	Total	**0**	**25,750**	**25,750**	**25,750**	**26,522**	**103,772**	



Project #	ELE-006
Project Name	Street Light Replacement

Total Project Cost	$50,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

The existing LED street lights within the city are beginning to depreciate and age. A scheduled maintenance program will ensure the city has consistent, uniform lighting throughout the system.

Justification

Update outdated light technology that we get repeated calls on. Rate payers are reactive to malfunctioning streetlights. Having a replacement program will increase reliability as well as efficiency of the fixtures.

Life Budget Utilization

$50,000 of $50,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	**40,000**	10,000
	Total	**0**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**40,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	**40,000**	10,000
	Total	**0**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**40,000**	

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Project #	ELE-007
Project Name	Substation #2 Reconstruction

Total Project Cost	$4,808,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Substation two is currently a 12MVA transformer. The Utility Department is proposing to upgrade the substation with a 28MVA transformer, along with the ancillary infrastructure necessary.

Justification

This process, which is considered necessary due to the projected load demand increase for Columbus, will require an extensive rebuild of substation one, which when completed will enable the electric utility to reduce and/or eliminate current constraints on the primary circuits providing power to our industrial clients as well as most residential.

Life Budget Utilization

$4,808,000 of $4,808,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	1,282,000	2,975,000	424,000	0	0	**4,681,000**	0
	Engineering	48,000	48,000	31,000	0	0	**127,000**	
	Total	**1,330,000**	**3,023,000**	**455,000**	**0**	**0**	**4,808,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	1,330,000	3,023,000	455,000	0	0	**4,808,000**	0
	Total	**1,330,000**	**3,023,000**	**455,000**	**0**	**0**	**4,808,000**	

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Project #	ELE-008
Project Name	Substation #3 Upgrades

Total Project Cost	$366,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Engineering and transmission structure upgrades.

Justification

ATC is loop feeding the transmission system through our substation yard. While this work is being performed by ATC Columbus Utilities will be required to upgrade some key components of our distribution system.

Life Budget Utilization

$366,000 of $366,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	62,000	304,000	0	0	0	**366,000**	0
	Total	**62,000**	**304,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	366,000	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	62,000	304,000	0	0	0	**366,000**	0
	Total	**62,000**	**304,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	366,000	

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Project #	ELE-009
Project Name	Substation #4 Expansion

Total Project Cost	$1,378,000	Department	Electric Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Engineering and transmission structure upgrades. This includes a substation footprint expansion.

Justification

ATC is loop feeding the transmission system through our substation yard. While this work is being performed by ATC Columbus Utilities will be required to upgrade some key components of our distribution system.

Life Budget Utilization

$1,378,000 of $1,378,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	66,000	87,000	1,180,000	0	0	**1,333,000**	0
	Engineering	0	0	45,000	0	0	**45,000**	
	Total	**66,000**	**87,000**	**1,225,000**	**0**	**0**	**1,378,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	66,000	87,000	1,225,000	0	0	**1,378,000**	0
	Total	**66,000**	**87,000**	**1,225,000**	**0**	**0**	**1,378,000**	

Project #	ELE-010
Project Name	Complete 4.16KV Conversion

Total Project Cost	$7,875,400	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Converting the existing voltage (4160v) to 12470 volts that includes a complete rebuild of circuits 103 and 104, upgrading poles, wire, arrestors, etc.

Justification

Substation one and the existing infrastructure of circuits 103 and 104 are past their practical life expectancy and will surpass the current capabilities of the existing substation and infrastructure.

Life Budget Utilization

$2,216,100 of $7,875,400 (28%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	2,216,100	1,898,600	1,600,600	2,160,100	0	**7,875,400**	0
	Total	**2,216,100**	**1,898,600**	**1,600,600**	**2,160,100**	**0**	7,875,400	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	2,216,100	1,898,600	1,600,600	2,160,100	0	**7,875,400**	0
	Total	**2,216,100**	**1,898,600**	**1,600,600**	**2,160,100**	**0**	7,875,400	

Project #	ELE-011
Project Name	Utility Trailer

Total Project Cost	$30,000	Department	Electric Utility
Category	Utilities	Priority	2 - Very Important
Phase	Phase 1	Status	Active

Description

Tandem axle, 20' deck over trailer.

Justification

Will be used to transport underground electrical equipment and heavy machinery.

Life Budget Utilization

$30,000 of $30,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	30,000	0	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	30,000	0	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Project #	ELE-012
Project Name	Utility Command Truck (1/3)

Total Project Cost	$21,796	Department	Electric Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Acquire and equip a utility response vehicle equipped to be a first respond unit for all three utility departments.

Justification

Intended for the director to be able to respond to all situations for all departments, as well as using for city wide transportation.

Life Budget Utilization

$21,796 of $21,796 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	21,796	0	0	0	0	**21,796**	0
	Total	**21,795**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,795**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	21,796	0	0	0	0	**21,796**	0
	Total	**21,795**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,795**	

Project #	FIR-001
Project Name	Radio Replacement

Total Project Cost	$32,553	Department	Fire
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Supplementing an 80/20 grant to purchase Kenwood VP 8000, dual band, portable radios.

Justification

The existing radios are 10+ years old and unreliable and are used in an industry where emergency communication can be critical at times.

Life Budget Utilization

$32,553 of $32,553 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	32,553	0	0	0	0	**32,553**	0
	Total	**32,553**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**32,553**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	32,553	0	0	0	0	**32,553**	0
	Total	**32,553**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**32,553**	

Project #	FIR-002
Project Name	100 FT Platform Ladder TRK 93-1/4

Total Project Cost	$2,250,000	Department	Fire
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

100' Aerial Ladder truck.

Justification

Replacing the departments existing ladder truck, the specialized emergency vehicle is designed for elevated rescue operations, fire suppression, ventilation, and forcible entry.

Life Budget Utilization

$2,250,000 of $2,250,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	2,250,000	0	0	0	**2,250,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**2,250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,250,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	2,250,000	0	0	0	**2,250,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**2,250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,250,000**	

Project #	FIR-003
Project Name	Roof Rebuild

Total Project Cost	$100,000	Department	Fire
Type	Improvement	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$100,000 of $100,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	0	100,000	0	0	**100,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**100,000**	**0**	**0**	**100,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	100,000	0	0	**100,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**100,000**	**0**	**0**	**100,000**	

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Project #	FIR-004
Project Name	Sewer Lateral Replacement

Total Project Cost	$12,000	Department	Fire
Type	Improvement	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$12,000 of $12,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	0	12,000	0	0	**12,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	12,000	0	0	**12,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	

Project #	FIR-005
Project Name	Windows

Total Project Cost	$25,000	Department	Fire
Type	Replacement	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization



$25,000 of $25,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	0	25,000	0	0	**25,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**25,000**	**0**	**0**	**25,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	25,000	0	0	**25,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**25,000**	**0**	**0**	**25,000**	

Project #	FIR-006
Project Name	Brush Truck

Total Project Cost	$35,000	Department	Fire
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	4 - Consideration	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Brush truck, 50/50 share.

Life Budget Utilization

$35,000 of $35,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	0	0	0	35,000	**35,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	**35,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	0	35,000	**35,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	**35,000**	

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Project #	GRO-001
Project Name	Pool Railing Repair

Total Project Cost	$28,460	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

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Description

Stair railing for the pool water slide.

Justification

The existing railing is in disrepair and pulling away from the stair structure in some places.

Life Budget Utilization

$28,460 of $28,460 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	28,460	0	0	0	0	**28,460**	0
	Total	**28,460**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28,460**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	28,460	0	0	0	0	**28,460**	0
	Total	**28,460**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28,460**	

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Project #	GRO-002
Project Name	Pickle Ball Court Parking Lot

Total Project Cost	$250,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	New Construction	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

The new pickle ball court needs an engineered parking lot.

Justification

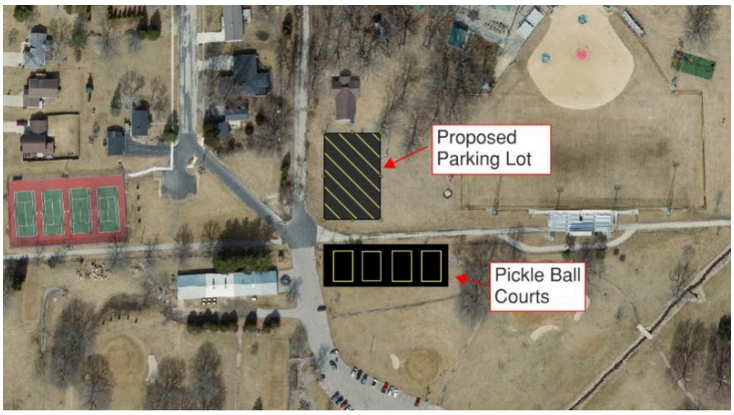
The new pickle ball courts being constructed next to the golf course require their own parking lot that can accommodate the additional parking volume.

Life Budget Utilization

$250,000 of $250,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	250,000	0	0	0	0	**250,000**	0
	Total	**250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**250,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	250,000	0	0	0	0	**250,000**	0
	Total	**250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**250,000**	



Project #	GRO-003
Project Name	Kiwanis Park Playground

Total Project Cost	$100,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replace the existing playground equipment at Kiwanis Park.

Justification

The existing playground equipment is undersized and very outdated. Playgrounds build social fabric within a municipality and show residents in the area that their community is worth investing in.

Life Budget Utilization

$100,000 of $100,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	100,000	0	0	0	0	**100,000**	0
	Total	**100,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Funding	100,000	0	0	0	0	**100,000**	0
	Total	**100,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100,000**	



Project #	GRO-004
Project Name	Aquatic Center / Pump Replacement

Total Project Cost	$111,598	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

Columbus Aquatic Center - Pool Pump Replaceme

Description

The Aquatic Center is in need of new pumps (3), heater pipe replacement, and pool renovation.

Justification

The Aquatic Center is falling into disrepair and is in need of maintenance and repairs / replacements. The primary water pumps are aging, discontinued models, and the heater has been poorly maintained over the last 10 years and in need of an overhaul. The pool itself has tiles falling off and numerous other structural failings. The work would begin at the end of August, 2027.

Life Budget Utilization

$111,598 of $111,598 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	111,598	0	0	0	**111,598**	0
	Total	**0**	**111,598**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**111,598**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	111,598	0	0	0	**111,598**	0
	Total	**0**	**111,598**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**111,598**	

Project #	GRO-005
Project Name	Kiwanis Parking Lot Pavement

Total Project Cost	$250,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	New Construction	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Building a new parking lot at Kiwanis Park.

Justification

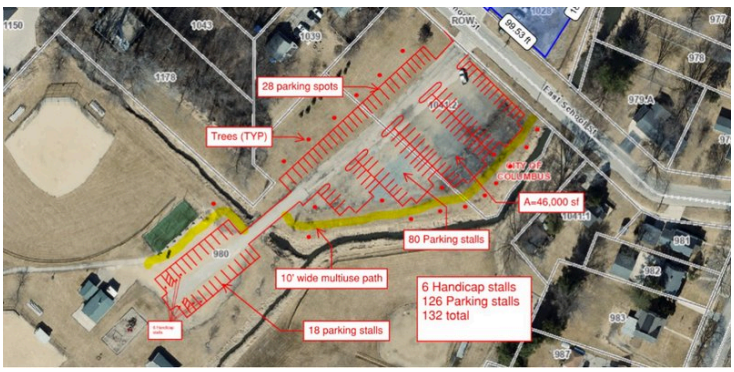
The existing parking lot is gravel and weeds. A new parking lot will provided organized parking and control water run off.

Life Budget Utilization

$250,000 of $250,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	250,000	0	0	0	**250,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**250,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	250,000	0	0	0	**250,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**250,000**	



Project #	GRO-006
Project Name	Community Trail

Total Project Cost	$706,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	New Construction	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A multi-use trail starting near the intersection of Fuller Street and Park Avenue, traversing through Meadow Lane and Ann Street, connecting to the trail system withing the Gateway area.

Justification

Community multi-use trails create healthy recreation and transportation opportunities by providing people of all ages with attractive, safe and accessible places to cycle, walk, hike, jog or skate.

Life Budget Utilization

$706,000 of $706,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	494,200	0	0	0	**494,200**	0
	Planning/Design	211,800	0	0	0	0	**211,800**	
	Total	**211,800**	**494,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**706,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	211,800	494,200	0	0	0	**706,000**	0
	Total	**211,800**	**494,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**706,000**	



Project #	GRO-007
Project Name	Aquatic Center / Pool Renovation

Total Project Cost	$492,476	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

Columbus Aquatic Center - Pool Renovation BUD

Description

The Aquatic Center is in need of new pumps (3), heater pipe replacement, and pool renovation.

Justification

The Aquatic Center is falling into disrepair and is in need of maintenance and replacements to be spread out over the next few years. The primary pumps are discontinued models and aging, the heater has not been maintained and in need of an overhaul, and the pool itself has tiles falling off and numerous other structural failings.

Life Budget Utilization

$492,476 of $492,476 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	492,476	0	0	0	0	**492,476**	0
	Total	**492,476**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**492,476**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	492,476	0	0	0	0	**492,476**	0
	Total	**492,476**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**492,476**	

Project #	GRO-008
Project Name	Tree Planting Program

Total Project Cost	$90,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	4 - Consideration	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Establish an annual tree planting program.

Justification

Purchase an allotted number of trees each year for new planting and replacements throughout the city.

Life Budget Utilization

$90,000 of $90,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	**75,000**	15,000
	Total	**15,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**75,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	**75,000**	15,000
	Total	**15,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**15,000**	**75,000**	

Project #	GRO-009
Project Name	Windows/Front Entry - City Hall Annex

Total Project Cost	$40,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Replacement	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$40,000 of $40,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	40,000	0	0	0	**40,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	40,000	0	0	0	**40,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

Project #	GRO-010
Project Name	City Hall Tuck Point / Exterior Painting

Total Project Cost	$85,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$85,000 of $85,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	85,000	0	0	0	**85,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**85,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**85,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	85,000	0	0	0	**85,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**85,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**85,000**	

Project #	GRO-011
Project Name	Kiwanis Park Ball Diamond Upgrades

Total Project Cost	$125,000	Department	Grounds & Facility
Type	Reconstruction	Category	Park Facilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Rebuild / repair the ball diamond complex, and individual diamonds.

Justification

A three year plan, working in conjunction with the Columbus Baseball Organization, to repair, upgrade and modernize the complex, making it an attractive and functional sports facility in order to attract more use and tournament play.

Life Budget Utilization

$125,000 of $125,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	35,000	35,000	30,000	0	0	**100,000**	0
	Engineering	25,000	0	0	0	0	**25,000**	
	Total	**60,000**	**35,000**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**125,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	60,000	35,000	30,000	0	0	**125,000**	0
	Total	**60,000**	**35,000**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**125,000**	



Project #	POL-001
Project Name	MDC & Radar

Total Project Cost	$144,000	Department	Police
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Mobile Data Computer with an integrated radar creating a unified enforcement system.

Justification

Modern law enforcement vehicles use the MDC to consolidate data from speed enforcement and video capture systems. The separate but, integrated radar device measures the speed of target vehicles and transmits this speed data directly to the MDC. The camera system includes the in-car dashcam, automated license plate recognition and/or side-mounted photo-radar cameras.

Life Budget Utilization

$144,000 of $144,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	24,000	36,000	24,000	36,000	24,000	**144,000**	0
	Total	**24,000**	**36,000**	**24,000**	**36,000**	**24,000**	**144,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	24,000	36,000	24,000	36,000	24,000	**144,000**	0
	Total	**24,000**	**36,000**	**24,000**	**36,000**	**24,000**	**144,000**	



Project #	POL-002
Project Name	Police Cruiser

Total Project Cost	$435,349	Department	Police
Type	Improvement	Category	Vehicles
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

The SUV squad is the ideal vehicle for law enforcement. The standard hybrid AWD drivetrain provides improved handling stability and traction in all driving conditions. It also offers significant improvements in fuel economy and reduced engine idle time. The police cruiser serves as a mobile office for police officers. Creating a biennial replacement program.

Justification

A new cruiser is placed into service as a primary marked police unit. It is used by police officers for patrol duties.

Life Budget Utilization

$435,349 of $435,349 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	82,000	84,460	86,994	89,604	92,292	**435,349**	0
	Total	**82,000**	**84,460**	**86,993**	**89,603**	**92,291**	**435,349**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	82,000	84,460	86,994	89,604	92,292	**435,349**	0
	Total	**82,000**	**84,460**	**86,993**	**89,603**	**92,291**	**435,349**	



Project #	POL-003
Project Name	HVAC/Ductwork

Total Project Cost	$30,000	Department	Police
Type	Maintenance	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Perform maintenance and rebuild on the HVAC system in police headquarters.

Life Budget Utilization

$30,000 of $30,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	30,000	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	30,000	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Project #	POL-004
Project Name	Windows

Total Project Cost	$20,000	Department	Police
Type	Replacement	Category	Buildings
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replace existing windows.

Justification

Old windows are failing and compromise the security of the building.

Life Budget Utilization

$20,000 of $20,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	0	20,000	0	0	**20,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	20,000	0	0	**20,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	

Project #	POL-005
Project Name	Firearm Replacement

Total Project Cost	$12,000	Department	Police
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replace officer side arms - 9mm.

Justification

The Police Department replaces their side arms every ten years.

Life Budget Utilization

$12,000 of $12,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	12,000	0	0	0	0	**12,000**	0
	Total	**12,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	12,000	0	0	0	0	**12,000**	0
	Total	**12,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	

Project #	PW-001
Project Name	Skag Mower

Total Project Cost	$18,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

New 61" SKAG lawn mower.

Justification

Currently the fleet is short one mower.

Life Budget Utilization

$18,000 of $18,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	18,000	0	0	0	0	**18,000**	0
	Total	**18,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**18,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	18,000	0	0	0	0	**18,000**	0
	Total	**18,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**18,000**	

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Project #	PW-002
Project Name	Leaf Vac Truck

Total Project Cost	$329,500	Department	Public Works
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

Olympian Chassis Mount.pdf

Description

A single unit mobile leaf vacuum truck, including vacuum, hopper, and containment.

Justification

The current system of collecting resident leaves during the fall season is dysfunctional, labor intensive, and operating on borrowed time. A new leaf vac truck will reduce labor from 3 & 4 people, three pieces of equipment (skid steer, front end loader, garbage truck) to one operator and one mobile truck.

Life Budget Utilization

$329,500 of $329,500 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	329,500	0	0	0	0	**329,500**	0
	Total	**329,500**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**329,500**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	329,500	0	0	0	0	**329,500**	0
	Total	**329,500**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**329,500**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-003
Project Name	1 Ton truck with plow

Total Project Cost	$87,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

New one ton pickup truck with plow. The1 ton pick up truck is intended for hauling equipment, plowing snow, mounting a salt spreader, and other functions.

Justification

Replaces the 2004 Chevy one ton truck.

Life Budget Utilization

$87,000 of $87,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	0	87,000	0	0	0	**87,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**87,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	87,000	0	0	0	**87,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**87,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87,000**	

Project #	PW-004
Project Name	1 Ton pick-up truck

Total Project Cost	$72,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

1 ton pick up truck meant for hauling equipment, plowing snow, mounting a salt spreader, and other functions.Will be used for hauling material, towing equipment, and carrying a water tank for watering municipal trees and flowers.

Justification

Will be replacing the 2019 Ford which is rusted out and not currently functioning.

Life Budget Utilization

$72,000 of $72,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	72,000	0	0	0	0	**72,000**	0
	Total	**72,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**72,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	72,000	0	0	0	0	**72,000**	0
	Total	**72,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**72,000**	

Project #	PW-005
Project Name	Patch Trailer

Total Project Cost	$15,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A new trailer to complete the hot patch set up.

Justification

The existing trailer has fully depreciated.

Life Budget Utilization

$15,000 of $15,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	0	15,000	0	0	**15,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**15,000**	**0**	**0**	**15,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	General Fund	0	0	15,000	0	0	**15,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**15,000**	**0**	**0**	**15,000**	

Project #	PW-006
Project Name	Wood Chipper

Total Project Cost	$75,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A new commercial grade wood chipper. 20 x 12" throat opening and 64" wide infeed.

Justification

Existing wood chipper is nearing the end of its functionality and safety is becoming a concern.

Life Budget Utilization

$75,000 of $75,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	0	75,000	0	0	**75,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	75,000	0	0	**75,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-007
Project Name	Harrison & Spring Streets

Total Project Cost	$1,495,321	Department	Public Works
Type	New Construction	Category	Street Construction
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Complete street rebuild of Spring Street, from W School St to W Harrison St., and Harrison St, from S Dickason Blvd to S Lewis St. including seven blocks of road base rebuild, asphalt pavement, sidewalk and curb & gutter reconstruct.

Justification

The streets designated in this project show significant pavement deterioration. The water and sewer mains are past their life expectancy and multiple breaks have occurred in the last two years.

Life Budget Utilization

$1,495,321 of $1,495,321 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	1,445,321	0	0	0	**1,445,321**	0
	Engineering	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	
	Total	**50,000**	**1,445,321**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,495,321**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	50,000	1,445,321	0	0	0	**1,495,321**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**1,445,321**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,495,321**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-008
Project Name	Maple Ave Wedge, Mill & Overlay

Total Project Cost	$675,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Street Construction
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A Mill, wedge & overlay of Maple Ave, between Dix St and Hibbard St. The edge of pavement, on both sides of the road, will be ground down two inches at the pan of the curb, and the entire road length, 1,594 lf, will be resurfaced with 4" of asphaltic pavement. The project will include manhole adjustments and pavement marking. Also, a pulverize, remove and replace on Maple between Dix St and Transit.

Justification

The concrete pavement on Maple Ave, between Dix St and Hibbard St, has weathered and deteriorated at an accelerated rate resulting in oversized cracks at the joints and structural base failure in multiple areas.

Life Budget Utilization

$675,000 of $675,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	675,000	0	0	0	0	**675,000**	0
	Total	**675,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**675,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	675,000	0	0	0	0	**675,000**	0
	Total	**675,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**675,000**	



Project #	PW-009
Project Name	Stuart St Alleyway

Total Project Cost	$65,800	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Alleyway between Stuart St and Ingalsbee St, remove and replace.

Justification

The existing paved alley is in dilapidated condition and causing drainage issues. The proposed re-construct will include grade changes and drainage improvements.

Life Budget Utilization

$65,800 of $65,800 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	65,800	0	0	0	0	**65,800**	0
	Total	**65,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,800**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	65,800	0	0	0	0	**65,800**	0
	Total	**65,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,800**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-010
Project Name	Sidewalk Improvement Program

Total Project Cost	$240,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Sidewalks
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A remove and replace program to improve pedestrian traffic thoroughfares in the city.

Justification

Sidewalk sections marked for removal due to cracking, heaving, etc. will be removed and replaced.

Life Budget Utilization

$240,000 of $240,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	**200,000**	40,000
	Total	**40,000**	**40,000**	**40,000**	**40,000**	**40,000**	**200,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	**200,000**	40,000
	Total	**40,000**	**40,000**	**40,000**	**40,000**	**40,000**	**200,000**	

Project #	PW-011
Project Name	Church/Legion/Richmond

Total Project Cost	$1,536,982	Department	Public Works
Type	New Construction	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Road and utility reconstruct of Church St, Legion CT, Richmond St, E Prairie St, and Udey St.

Justification

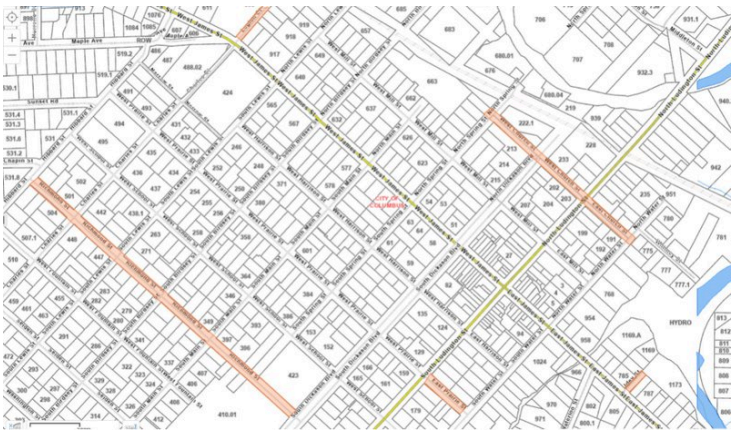
Utility and road surface are in disrepair and failing.

Life Budget Utilization

$1,536,982 of $1,536,982 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	1,504,482	0	0	**1,504,482**	0
	Engineering	0	32,500	0	0	0	**32,500**	
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**1,504,482**	**0**	**0**	**1,536,982**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	32,500	1,504,482	0	0	**1,536,982**	0
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**1,504,482**	**0**	**0**	**1,536,982**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-012
Project Name	West Prairie St Reconstruct

Total Project Cost	$1,364,417	Department	Public Works
Type	New Construction	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A reconstruction of W Prairie St, between Hibbard St and Luddington.

Justification

A utility and road reconstruction project necessary due to aging infrastructure.

Life Budget Utilization

$1,364,417 of $1,364,417 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	1,333,167	0	**1,333,167**	0
	Engineering	0	0	31,250	0	0	**31,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**1,333,167**	**0**	**1,364,417**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	31,250	1,333,167	0	**1,364,417**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**1,333,167**	**0**	**1,364,417**	



Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-013
Project Name	Tower Drive

Total Project Cost	$200,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Tower Drive resurfacing.

Justification

Made necessary to protect the structural integrity of Tower Drive.

Life Budget Utilization

$200,000 of $200,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	200,000	0	0	0	0	**200,000**	0
	Total	**200,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**200,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	200,000	0	0	0	0	**200,000**	0
	Total	**200,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**200,000**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-014
Project Name	Parkview Dr

Total Project Cost	$1,285,793	Department	Public Works
Type	New Construction	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A complete reconstruct of Parkview Dr, from Brookside Ln to the end of Parkview Ct.

Justification

The street shows significant pavement deterioration. The water and sewer mains are past their life expectancy. More effective storm water drainage needs to be designed.

Life Budget Utilization

$1,285,793 of $1,285,793 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	0	1,258,543	**1,258,543**	0
	Engineering	0	0	0	27,250	0	**27,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**1,258,543**	**1,285,793**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	27,250	1,258,543	**1,285,793**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**1,258,543**	**1,285,793**	



Project #	PW-015
Project Name	Dix St

Total Project Cost	$635,375	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Dix St mill & overlay.

Justification

The surface is showing signs of distress. Dix St is a major thoroughfare in the City of Columbus and protecting the structural integrity of the road is considered important.

Life Budget Utilization

$635,375 of $635,375 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	635,375	0	0	0	0	**635,375**	0
	Total	**635,375**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**635,375**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	635,375	0	0	0	0	**635,375**	0
	Total	**635,375**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**635,375**	



Project #	PW-017
Project Name	Dickason Blvd

Total Project Cost	$411,250	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Street Construction
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A mill & overlay of Dickason Blvd.

Justification

Necessary to maintain road integrity.

Life Budget Utilization

$411,250 of $411,250 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	411,250	0	0	**411,250**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**411,250**	**0**	**0**	**411,250**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	411,250	0	0	**411,250**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**411,250**	**0**	**0**	**411,250**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI



Project #	PW-018
Project Name	Stump Grinder

Total Project Cost	$35,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Equip the public works department with a commercial grade stump grinder.

Justification

Currently, when a tree is removed, either in the right-of-way or on city property, the DPW needs to hire a contractor to remove the remaining stump. Equipping the DPW with a stump grinder will require less reliance on outside contractors, their fees and their time schedule, and enable staff to be more proficient and proactive in tree removal and replacement.

Life Budget Utilization

$35,000 of $35,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	35,000	0	0	0	0	**35,000**	0
	Total	**35,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	35,000	0	0	0	0	**35,000**	0
	Total	**35,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	

Project #	PW-019
Project Name	Concrete Grinder

Total Project Cost	$15,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Sidewalk Grinder.

Justification

A mobile concrete grinder will enable DPW staff to grind down high spots within walkways, creating a level sidewalk path and minimizing the need to remove and replace sidewalk panels.

Life Budget Utilization

$15,000 of $15,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	15,000	0	0	0	0	**15,000**	0
	Total	**15,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**15,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	15,000	0	0	0	0	**15,000**	0
	Total	**15,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**15,000**	



Project #	PW-020
Project Name	Recycling Cntr Key Card Access System

Total Project Cost	$112,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Buildings
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

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Description

Construct a key card access system that will enable Columbus residents to access the yard waste center according to their schedule. The system will include 3-4 servalience cameras, slide gate opening system, key card reader, a chain link gate, loop detectors, and some other ancillary items.

Justification

Completing this project will make the recycling center more available to residents, eliminate the need for a full time attendant, and will allow DPW staff to concentrate on other services.

Life Budget Utilization

$112,000 of $112,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	112,000	0	0	0	0	**112,000**	0
	Total	**112,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**112,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	112,000	0	0	0	0	**112,000**	0
	Total	**112,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**112,000**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-021
Project Name	Wing Plow Laser Light Guide

Total Project Cost	$12,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A laser guide attached to the right edge of the plow blade.

Justification

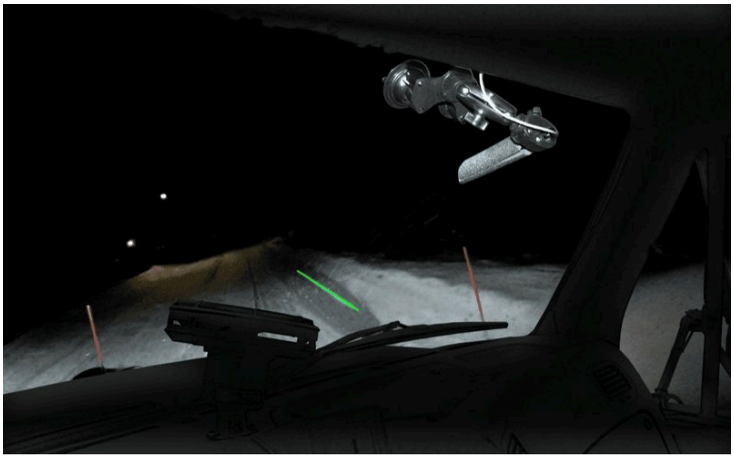
Will assit the driver determining where the edge of the plow will run out in front of the truck 10' - 20'. This will aid in avoiding striking cars, jumping curbs, hitting utility poles, reducing fatique, etc.

Life Budget Utilization

$12,000 of $12,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	12,000	0	0	0	0	**12,000**	0
	Total	**12,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	12,000	0	0	0	0	**12,000**	0
	Total	**12,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12,000**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	PW-022
Project Name	Programmable Message Board

Total Project Cost	$53,000	Department	Public Works
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	4 - Consideration	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Two mobile, mid sized, programmable message boards.

Justification

Message boards are very useful tools for informing public about sudden harzards, detour traffic routes, upcoming changes in traffic, and community events.

Life Budget Utilization

$53,000 of $53,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	53,000	0	0	0	0	**53,000**	0
	Total	**53,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**53,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	53,000	0	0	0	0	**53,000**	0
	Total	**53,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**53,000**	



Project #	STM-001
Project Name	Harrison & Spring Streets

Total Project Cost	$308,353	Department	Storm Water
Type	New Construction	Category	Storm Sewer
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A complete rebuild of the existing road and utilities, including the storm water collection system. The project will include Spring Street, from School St to W Harrison St., and Harrison St., from S Dickason Blvd to S Lewis St.

Life Budget Utilization

$308,353 of $308,353 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	258,353	0	0	0	**258,353**	0
	Engineering	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	
	Total	**50,000**	**258,353**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**308,353**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	50,000	258,353	0	0	0	**308,353**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**258,353**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**308,353**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	STM-002
Project Name	Church/Legion/Richmond

Total Project Cost	$283,108	Department	Storm Water
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

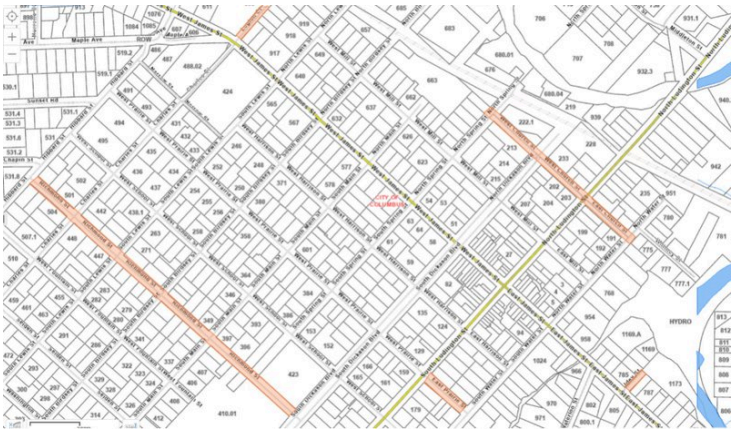
Part of the Church/Legion/Richmond reconstruction project, including utilities and road reconstruction.

Life Budget Utilization

$283,108 of $283,108 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	250,608	0	0	**250,608**	0
	Engineering	0	32,500	0	0	0	**32,500**	
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**250,608**	**0**	**0**	**283,108**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	32,500	250,608	0	0	**283,108**	0
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**250,608**	**0**	**0**	**283,108**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	STM-003
Project Name	West Prairie St Reconstruct

Total Project Cost	$301,438	Department	Storm Water
Type	New Construction	Category	Storm Sewer
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

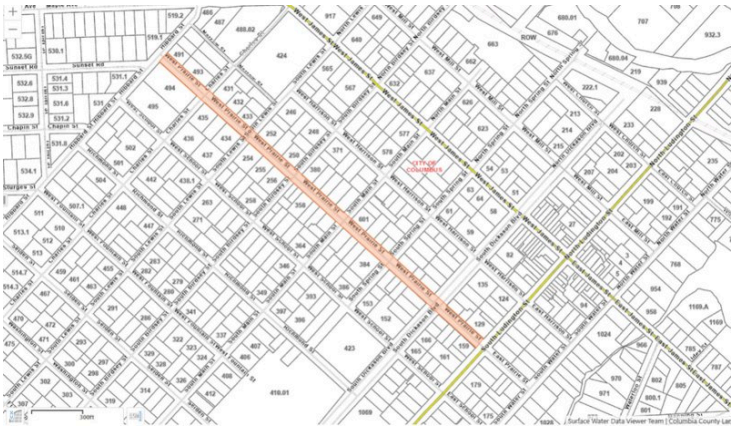
Part of the W Prairie Street reconstruction project that includes a complete rebuild of the underground utilities and roadway.

Life Budget Utilization

$301,438 of $301,438 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	270,188	0	**270,188**	0
	Engineering	0	0	31,250	0	0	**31,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**270,188**	**0**	**301,438**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	31,250	270,188	0	**301,438**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**270,188**	**0**	**301,438**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	STM-004
Project Name	Parkview Dr

Total Project Cost	$412,960	Department	Storm Water
Type	New Construction	Category	Storm Sewer
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Part of the Parkview Drive reconstruction project that includes a complete rebuild of the underground utilities and roadway.

Life Budget Utilization

$412,960 of $412,960 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	0	385,710	**385,710**	0
	Engineering	0	0	0	27,250	0	**27,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**385,710**	**412,960**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	27,250	385,710	**412,960**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**385,710**	**412,960**	



Project #	WAS-001
Project Name	Main Instrument Panel PLC

Total Project Cost	$65,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Improvement	Category	Utilities
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Pending		

Description

Upgrade the Main Instrument Panel (MIP) PLC (Programable Logic Controller) to an Allen-Bradley5380 series.

Justification

The current MIP is an Allen-Bradley SLC 5/05 and is obsolete and the manufacturer has discontinued the product. The current SLC 5/05 was initially installed in 1991. The new equipment provides improved reliability, significantly reduces the risk of unexpected failures, and provides better support to critical systems.

Life Budget Utilization

$65,000 of $65,000 (100%)

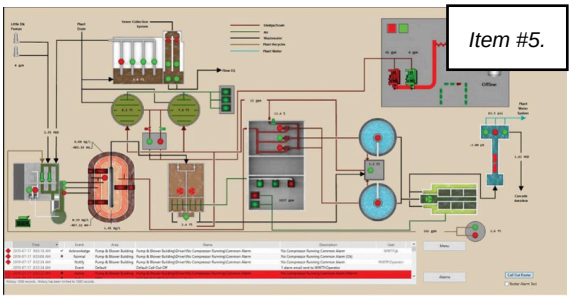
Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	65,000	0	0	0	0	**65,000**	0
	Total	**65,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	65,000	0	0	0	0	**65,000**	0
	Total	**65,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI



Project #	WAS-002
Project Name	SCADA Computer System

Total Project Cost	$150,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Transition from the existing AVEVA In Touch system to the Inductive Automation Ignition system.

Justification

Current Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment is due for replacement. Used for monitoring and controlling activity within the treatment plant and the collection system, the SCADA system is comprised of the computers, networked data communications and graphical user interfaces for high-level supervision of machines and processes. It also covers sensors and other devices programed to provide alarm settings to notify staff of operational issues.

The existing system was designed in the1990s and made to be compatible with Windows 3.0. The new system will allow better tracking of data and trends, provide more accurate current data, and provide newer ways to manage data better. Also, The new system will enable more accurate tracking of flow totals and will reduce operating costs over time.

Life Budget Utilization

$150,000 of $150,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	150,000	0	0	0	0	**150,000**	0
	Total	**150,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	150,000	0	0	0	0	**150,000**	0
	Total	**150,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	WAS-003
Project Name	Municipal Storage Building (1/3)

Total Project Cost	$400,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	New Construction	Category	Buildings
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

Outbuilding.jpg

Description

A new municipal storage building located at the Water & Light campus.

Life Budget Utilization

$400,000 of $400,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	400,000	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	400,000	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	



Project #	WAS-004
Project Name	Telemetry Radios

Total Project Cost	$114,999	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Transition to FCC licensed UHF Aprisa SR+ network.

Justification

Currently, communication relies on a private wireless radio telemetry network for eleven lift stations and blower PLC at the WWTF. The MDS radios are obsolete.

Life Budget Utilization

$114,999 of $114,999 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	38,333	38,333	38,333	0	0	**114,999**	0
	Total	**38,333**	**38,333**	**38,333**	**0**	**0**	**114,999**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	38,333	38,333	38,333	0	0	**114,999**	0
	Total	**38,333**	**38,333**	**38,333**	**0**	**0**	**114,999**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	WAS-005
Project Name	WWTF SCADA Network Extension

Total Project Cost	$30,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Improvement	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Install a point to point wireless or fiberoptic network link between the administration building and the solids building.

Justification

Currently we rely on an old private wireless radio telemetry network connection for the blower PLC at the WWTF. MDS Transnet radios are obsolete.

Life Budget Utilization

$30,000 of $30,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	0	30,000	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	30,000	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	WAS-006
Project Name	Snow Pusher Attachment

Total Project Cost	$30,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	4 - Consideration	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Acquire a snow pusher attachment for the existing end loader.

Justification

Instead of purchasing a truck & plow for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, an attacment for the existing front end loader is considered to be a more economical investment.

Life Budget Utilization

$30,000 of $30,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	30,000	0	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	30,000	0	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Project #	WAS-007
Project Name	Televising Equipment and Trailer

Total Project Cost	$255,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Maintenance	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Acquiring the materials necessary for the Sanitary Department to take on a larger role in system inspections and repairs. The acquisition would include a specialized crawler camera, monitor & recorder, large reel, and other componants.

Justification

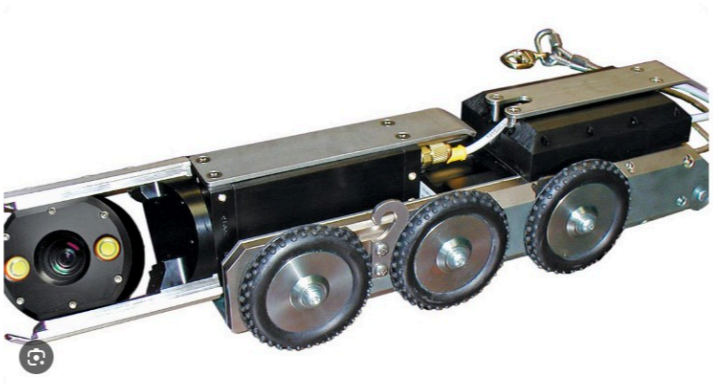
In the past the Sanitary Department has had to rely on contracted services to perform more thorough and accurate televising operations. By equiping our department with modern technology we will be able to take on this work ourselves, based on our schedule.

Life Budget Utilization

$255,000 of $255,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	255,000	0	0	0	0	**255,000**	0
	Total	**255,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**255,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	255,000	0	0	0	0	**255,000**	0
	Total	**255,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**255,000**	



Project #	WAS-008
Project Name	Harrison & Spring Streets

Total Project Cost	$444,505	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Part of the Harrison St. and Spring Street rebuild. Project will include a complete rebuild of the sanitary sewer collection system of Spring St., from W School St to W Harrison St., and Harrison St, from S Dickason Blvd to S Lewis St.

Justification

Complete rebuild of road and utilities, including sanitary sewer collection system within the specified area, due to aging infrastructure that has had multiple failures in the recent past.

Life Budget Utilization

$444,505 of $444,505 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	394,505	0	0	0	**394,505**	0
	Engineering	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	
	Total	**50,000**	**394,505**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**444,505**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	50,000	394,505	0	0	0	**444,505**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**394,505**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**444,505**	



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Project #	WAS-009
Project Name	Church/Legion/Richmond

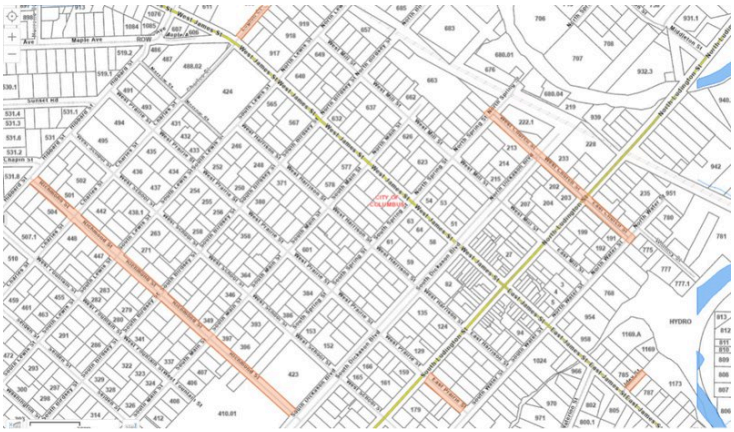
Total Project Cost	$238,005	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$238,005 of $238,005 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	205,505	0	0	**205,505**	0
	Engineering	0	32,500	0	0	0	**32,500**	
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**205,505**	**0**	**0**	**238,005**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	32,500	205,505	0	0	**238,005**	0
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**205,505**	**0**	**0**	**238,005**	



Project #	WAS-010
Project Name	West Prairie St Reconstruct

Total Project Cost	$413,525	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$413,525 of $413,525 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	382,275	0	**382,275**	0
	Engineering	0	0	31,250	0	0	**31,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**382,275**	**0**	**413,525**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	31,250	382,275	0	**413,525**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**382,275**	**0**	**413,525**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	WAS-011
Project Name	Parkview Dr

Total Project Cost	$402,917	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$402,917 of $402,917 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	0	375,667	**375,667**	0
	Engineering	0	0	0	27,250	0	**27,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**375,667**	**402,917**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	27,250	375,667	**402,917**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**375,667**	**402,917**	



Project #	WAS-012
Project Name	Utility Truck Replacement

Total Project Cost	$65,210	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replace the existing 2015 Ford F-250 truck used by the department for transportation, hauling and towing.

Justification

The existing truck was purchased in 2015 and is now 11 years old and over the projected 10 year life cycle and past the utility departements 10 year replacement plan.

Life Budget Utilization

$65,210 of $65,210 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	65,210	0	0	0	**65,210**	0
	Total	**0**	**65,210**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,210**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	65,210	0	0	0	**65,210**	0
	Total	**0**	**65,210**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,210**	

Project #	WAS-013
Project Name	Utility Command Truck (1/3)

Total Project Cost	$21,796	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Acquire and equip a utility response vehicle for all three utility departments.

Justification

Intended for the director to be able to respond to all situations for all departments, as well as using for city wide transportation.

Life Budget Utilization

$21,796 of $21,796 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	21,796	0	0	0	0	**21,796**	0
	Total	**21,795**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,795**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	21,796	0	0	0	0	**21,796**	0
	Total	**21,795**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,795**	

Project #	WAS-014
Project Name	Fiber Install

Total Project Cost	$25,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Improvement	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Complete fiber install within the treatment plant connecting all operating systems with SCADA.

Justification

Some elements of the sewage treatment plant rely on unreliable radio communications. Hard wiring all operating features of the plant, such as the clarifiers, aeration basin, the belt press, etc. with the central SCADA system will improve data processing.

Life Budget Utilization

$25,000 of $25,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	25,000	0	0	0	**25,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**25,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**25,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	25,000	0	0	0	**25,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**25,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**25,000**	

Project #	WAS-015
Project Name	Effluent Flow Meter

Total Project Cost	$120,000	Department	Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer
Type	Reconstruction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Design and construction of an effluent flow meter for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Life Budget Utilization

$120,000 of $120,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	70,000	0	0	0	**70,000**	0
	Engineering	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	
	Total	**50,000**	**70,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**120,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	50,000	70,000	0	0	0	**120,000**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**70,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**120,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	WAT-001
Project Name	Water Tower

Total Project Cost	$917,918	Department	Water Utility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Water tower at Tower Drive sand blast and repaint.

Justification

The city's water tower not only maintains water pressure for the cities residents and businesses but, it is also a large symbol and billboard for the city itself. The focus is to keep this large metal structure clean and free of any rust stains.

Life Budget Utilization

$917,918 of $917,918 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	0	0	0	917,918	0	**917,918**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**917,918**	**0**	**917,918**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	917,918	0	**917,918**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**917,918**	**0**	**917,918**	

Project #	WAT-002
Project Name	Annual Hydrant Replacement

Total Project Cost	$505,250	Department	Water Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Creating a hydrant replacement program for our aging infrastructure.

Justification

The majority of the 366 fire hydrants in the city are 50 years old or older, some are damaged over time and some are failing due to age. The first year is intended to create an existing inventory of 11 (+/-) hydrants with the following years ordering 5 hydrants per year.

Life Budget Utilization

$505,250 of $505,250 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	155,250	70,000	70,000	70,000	**365,250**	140,000
	Total	**0**	**155,250**	**70,000**	**70,000**	**70,000**	**365,250**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	155,250	70,000	70,000	70,000	**365,250**	140,000
	Total	**0**	**155,250**	**70,000**	**70,000**	**70,000**	**365,250**	

Project #	WAT-003
Project Name	Municipal Storage Building (1/3)

Total Project Cost	$400,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Buildings
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Supplemental Attachments

Outbuilding.jpg

Description

A new municipal storage building located at the Water & Light campus.

Justification

An additional operations / storage facility with climate control has become necessary to address rising space constraints for the City's more technical, oversized assets, such as the Vactor Truck, and electrical and water department materials that are UV and climate sensitive.

Life Budget Utilization

$400,000 of $400,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	400,000	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	400,000	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	



Project #	WAT-004
Project Name	Plant No.2 Well Pump Replacement

Total Project Cost	$150,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replacing the water pump in Well No.2.

Justification

The existing pump is over 30 years old and past its life expenctancy. This is the mechanism used to draw water up from our No.2 well.

Life Budget Utilization

$150,000 of $150,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Expenditure	0	0	150,000	0	0	**150,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Unassigned Funding	0	0	150,000	0	0	**150,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	

Project #	WAT-005
Project Name	Plant No.2 Booster Pump Replacement

Total Project Cost	$257,574	Department	Water Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

3 water pumps within plant No.2 to be replaced.

Justification

The life expectancy of said pumps has expired (33 years old). Although the pumps have been maintained, the potential increases every year for complete failure and then emergency replacement.

Life Budget Utilization

$257,574 of $257,574 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	83,333	85,833	88,408	0	0	**257,574**	0
	Total	**83,333**	**85,832**	**88,407**	**0**	**0**	**257,573**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	83,333	85,833	88,408	0	0	**257,574**	0
	Total	**83,333**	**85,832**	**88,407**	**0**	**0**	**257,573**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	WAT-006
Project Name	Land Acquisition - 4 Acres

Total Project Cost	$416,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Purchasing land for a new water plant.

Justification

The city is in need of a new water plant and a feasibility study was completed identifying an area suitable for building said plant.

Life Budget Utilization

$416,000 of $416,000 (100%)

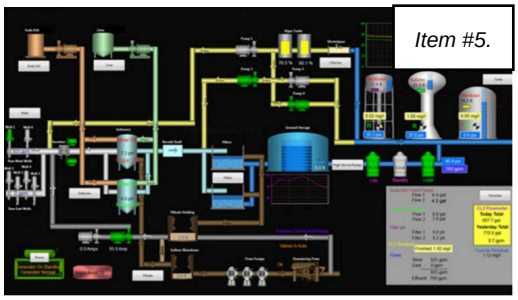
Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	416,000	0	0	0	**416,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**416,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**416,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	416,000	0	0	0	**416,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**416,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**416,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI



Project #	WAT-007
Project Name	SCADA Computer System

Total Project Cost	$82,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	1 - Urgent	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Transition from the current AVEVA InTouch system to the Inductive Automation Ignition system. Upgrade to reduntant servers. Transition from SCADA phone to Ignition Alarm Notification application. Enables operators for high-level supervision of machines and processes and covers sensors and other devices programed to provide alarm settings to notify staff of operational issues.

Justification

The current Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, along with the operating system for the water department's master and backup computers are outdated. These are used for recording and controlling activity at the wells and reservoirs, and allow for remote control of the water system pumps.

Life Budget Utilization

$82,000 of $82,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	82,000	0	0	0	0	**82,000**	0
	Total	**82,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**82,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	82,000	0	0	0	0	**82,000**	0
	Total	**82,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**82,000**	

Project #	WAT-008
Project Name	Water Tower PLC

Total Project Cost	$11,500	Department	Water Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Upgrade from the current Allen-Bradley Micrologix 1400 to the Allen Bradley 5380 series PLC.

Life Budget Utilization

$11,500 of $11,500 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	0	11,500	0	0	**11,500**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**11,500**	**0**	**0**	**11,500**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	11,500	0	0	**11,500**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**11,500**	**0**	**0**	**11,500**	

Project #	WAT-009
Project Name	Shoring Trailer

Total Project Cost	$24,622	Department	Water Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

A half closed / half open utility trailer equipped with field tools including a "Kerf Cutter."

Life Budget Utilization

$24,622 of $24,622 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	24,622	0	0	0	0	**24,622**	0
	Total	**24,622**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**24,622**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	24,622	0	0	0	0	**24,622**	0
	Total	**24,622**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**24,622**	

Project #	WAT-010
Project Name	Harrison & Spring Streets

Total Project Cost	$898,361	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Part of the Harrison St. and Spring Street rebuild. Project will include a complete rebuild of the water delivery system of Spring St., from W School St to W Harrison St., and Harrison St, from S Dickason Blvd to S Lewis St.

Justification

The existing water main within the designated project area is pre-1940s with some lead service laterals still existing. The project considers the adequacy and reliability of water supplies for both public and private consumer consumption due to the utilities expired life cycles.

Life Budget Utilization

$898,361 of $898,361 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	848,361	0	0	0	**848,361**	0
	Engineering	50,000	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	
	Total	**50,000**	**848,361**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**898,361**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	50,000	848,361	0	0	0	**898,361**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**848,361**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**898,361**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	WAT-011
Project Name	Church/Legion/Richmond

Total Project Cost	$311,199	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Justification

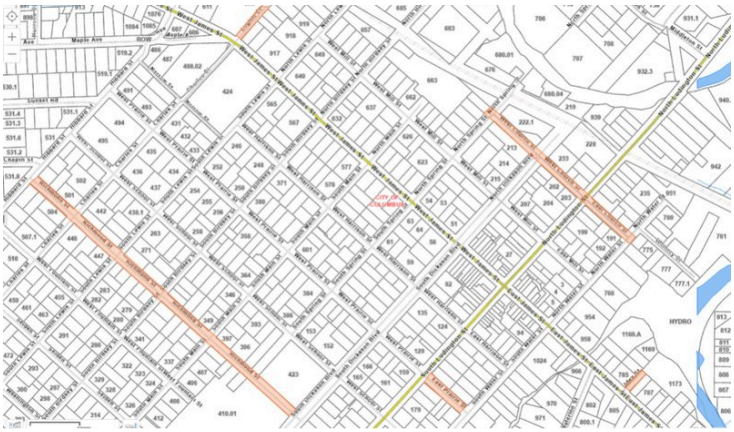
The streets designated in this project show significant pavement deterioration. The water and sewer mains are past their life expectancy and multiple breaks have occurred in the last two years.

Life Budget Utilization

$311,199 of $311,199 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	278,699	0	0	**278,699**	0
	Engineering	0	32,500	0	0	0	**32,500**	
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**278,699**	**0**	**0**	**311,199**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	32,500	278,699	0	0	**311,199**	0
	Total	**0**	**32,500**	**278,699**	**0**	**0**	**311,199**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	WAT-012
Project Name	West Prairie St Reconstruct

Total Project Cost	$807,873	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Justification

The existing water main within the designated project area is pre-1940s with some lead service laterals still existing. The project considers the adequacy and reliability of water supplies for both public and private consumer consumption due to the utilities expired life cycles.

Life Budget Utilization

$807,873 of $807,873 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	776,623	0	**776,623**	0
	Engineering	0	0	31,250	0	0	**31,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**776,623**	**0**	**807,873**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	31,250	776,623	0	**807,873**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**31,250**	**776,623**	**0**	**807,873**	



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Capital Improvement Plan

City of Columbus, WI

Project #	WAT-013
Project Name	Parkview Dr

Total Project Cost	$572,373	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Justification

The existing water main within the designated project area is pre-1940s with some lead service laterals still existing. The project considers the adequacy and reliability of water supplies for both public and private consumer consumption due to the utilities expired life cycles.

Life Budget Utilization

$572,373 of $572,373 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Construction	0	0	0	0	545,123	**545,123**	0
	Engineering	0	0	0	27,250	0	**27,250**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**545,123**	**572,373**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	0	27,250	545,123	**572,373**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,250**	**545,123**	**572,373**	



Project #	WAT-014
Project Name	Utility Truck Replacement

Total Project Cost	$65,250	Department	Water Utility
Type	Replacement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Replace the existing fleet vehicle F-150.

Justification

The existing truck was purchased in 2015 and is now 11 years old and over the projected 10 year life cycle and past the utility departements 10 year replacement plan.

Life Budget Utilization

$65,250 of $65,250 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	0	65,250	0	0	0	**65,250**	0
	Total	**0**	**65,250**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,250**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	65,250	0	0	0	**65,250**	0
	Total	**0**	**65,250**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65,250**	

Project #	WAT-015
Project Name	Utility Command Truck (1/3)

Total Project Cost	$21,796	Department	Water Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Equipment
Priority	3 - Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Acquire and equip a utility response vehicle for all three utility departments.

Justification

Intended for the director to be able to respond to all situations for all departments, as well as using for city wide transportation.

Life Budget Utilization

$21,796 of $21,796 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	21,796	0	0	0	0	**21,796**	0
	Total	**21,795**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,795**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	21,796	0	0	0	0	**21,796**	0
	Total	**21,795**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,795**	

Project #	WAT-018
Project Name	Pipe Painting

Total Project Cost	$52,451	Department	Water Utility
Type	Improvement	Category	Utilities
Priority	4 - Consideration	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Painting the existing pipe infrastructure (color coded) in plant No.2

Justification

The DNR requires that the color coded painting of the existing water pipe infrastructure within the plant be refreshed on a regular basis.

Life Budget Utilization

$52,451 of $52,451 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	0	52,451	0	0	**52,451**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**52,451**	**0**	**0**	**52,451**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	0	52,451	0	0	**52,451**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**52,451**	**0**	**0**	**52,451**	

Project #	WAT-019
Project Name	Water Meter Testing

Total Project Cost	$30,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	Maintenance	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Life Budget Utilization

$30,000 of $30,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Maintenance	0	30,000	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	30,000	0	0	0	**30,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000**	

Project #	WAT-020
Project Name	Well No. 3 Well Site Investigation

Total Project Cost	$40,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Performing a well site investigation for proposed well No. 3, along with the PSC application.

Justification

The city is in need of a new water plant and a feasibility study was completed identifying an area suitable for building said plant.

Life Budget Utilization

$40,000 of $40,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Engineering	40,000	0	0	0	0	**40,000**	0
	Total	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	40,000	0	0	0	0	**40,000**	0
	Total	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

Project #	WAT-021
Project Name	Well No. 3 Test Well

Total Project Cost	$120,000	Department	Water Utility
Type	New Construction	Category	Utilities
Priority	2 - Very Important	Phase	Phase 1
Status	Active		

Description

Performing a well site investigation for proposed well No. 3, along with the PSC application.

Justification

The city is in need of a new water plant and a feasibility study was completed identifying an area suitable for building said plant.

Life Budget Utilization

$120,000 of $120,000 (100%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Engineering	0	120,000	0	0	0	**120,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**120,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**120,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	Future
0	Borrowing	0	120,000	0	0	0	**120,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**120,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**120,000**	

City of Columbus, WI
Department of Utilities

From the Office of the Director of Utilities and Public Works

Director's Report Outline

Randall Myrum – Utility Director

Electric Department:

- System Repairs
- Conversion Project

Water Department:

- PFAS Testing
- System Maintenance

Sanitary Department:

- Collection System Inspections
- Plant Maintenance

Dept. of Public Works

- Leaf Pickup
- Road Patching

Project Updates:

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Registration now open for January conference, trade show

Employees from Wisconsin's municipal and cooperative electric utilities will have the opportunity to learn and network at the upcoming annual Electric Operations Conference & Expo (EOCE). This year's event is set for Jan. 13 and 14, 2027, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The agenda includes a variety of dynamic speakers exploring topics essential to the successful operation of municipal and cooperative utilities.

MEUW will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13. The Conference will begin at 1:00 p.m., with general session presentations and a keynote leadership presentation for both MEUW and co-op attendees. A Welcome Reception follows at 5:00 p.m.

The program for Thursday, Jan. 14 includes general sessions, facilitated topical cohort discussions, and an inspirational keynote presentation. Events will conclude with the annual banquet that will honor graduating apprentices in line work and electric metering.

In response to continued member feedback, the Expo will again be open for five hours, allowing exhibitors ample time to interact with attendees. The trade show will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Attendees will have the option to visit the Expo Hall or attend concurrent general and cohort sessions.

There are three different options for registration passes —Kilowatt, Megawatt, and Gigawatt. The Gigawatt pass provides access to all sessions on both days, the Welcome Reception, the Expo, and meals (except for the Apprentice Graduation Banquet, which requires a separate registration). Those most interested in the trade show, for example, can opt to purchase a Megawatt pass, which offers access to the Wednesday Welcome Reception and Thursday's conference sessions, meals, and the Expo.

New this year is a Special Expo Pass for graduating apprentices who register for the banquet. MEUW members who register by Friday, Nov. 20, will only pay $365 for the Gigawatt pass or $235 for the Megawatt pass. There are also special rates for retired public power employees who wish to attend to reconnect with former colleagues and keep up with what's happening in the electric utility industry.

Wednesday's general sessions will feature a presentation by Kate Christensen, Administrator of the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis at the state's Public Service Commission (PSC). She will provide an update on regulatory matters, including a report on PSC actions related to data centers.

A representative from the Focus on Energy will share an update on the 2027-2030 energy-efficiency plan. A panel featuring representatives of several larger customers will offer their perspectives on working effectively with municipal and co-op utilities. The day will wrap up with Dana Zurbuchen, who will share her thoughts on how everyday actions shape teams, safety, and personal well-being.

Thursday's program begins with a presentation from Dr. Dave Schroeder, Director of National Security Initiatives at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He will highlight efforts to defend the electric grid against emerging cyber and physical threats. Other presentations will highlight insights for investing in distribution grid resiliency, a discussion about how long-range cash flow planning and rate-setting go hand-in-hand. There will also be a presentation about wildfire mitigation, including steps utilities can take to prepare and abide by local laws.

After lunch there will be a panel discussion about mutual aid and lessons all utilities can learn to prepare for mass-outage events. There will also be an overview of the post-election political climate in Wisconsin and a preview of utility industry policies that may be on the agenda for the new legislature.

Expo Bingo will also be back in 2027, giving attendees the chance to win a wide variety of exhibitor-donated door prizes.

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Algoma Utilities uses "High School Bill Quiz" to engage and equip future electric customers



Algoma High School students pose following a recent youth outreach session showcasing the municipal utility, explaining bills and finances, and highlighting potential career options.

What if a utility bill could become a classroom lesson — and a way to build lasting community support for public power?

When scholarship applications began dwindling, Algoma Utilities rethought its approach to youth outreach. The result: an interactive high school bill quiz that teaches students practical financial skills while introducing them to the people, services, and career opportunities behind their local utility.

"We're really proud of the work the utility does and always want to be involved in the community," said Sara Krouse, Office Manager at Algoma Utilities, who helped develop the program. "When I saw a lackluster response to the scholarship program, I was thinking about how we could make this more relevant."



The result is a high school bill quiz that combines practical financial education with an introduction to the people and services behind the community's electric utility. Twice a year, utility representatives visit a high school personal finance class. A 15-minute presentation explains how to read and pay a utility bill, followed by a three-page, open-resource quiz. Students can work together, ask questions, and consult the materials. Those who complete the exercise receive a $50 gift card.

Making utilities relevant

The presentation begins with everyday expenses students may encounter as adults, from rent and insurance to food, transportation, and utilities. Students learn about different utility services and basic energy concepts, including watts, kilowatts, and kilowatt-hours.

The discussion also introduces the range of careers available in the utility industry, including accounting, customer service, line work, water operations, engineering, and energy analysis. Students interested in learning more can explore utility tours and job-shadowing opportunities.

For Krouse, the program is about more than teaching students to understand a bill. It is also an investment in the utility's future relationship with the community.

"Before I started with the utility, I didn't really know how to read my bill," she said.

That experience helped shape her approach. She remembers what it was like before becoming familiar with the industry and understands how confusing energy bills can be for everyday customers.

She also hopes the program will help build community support for the utility over time. When future rate cases or major changes require public understanding and support, having residents who are familiar with the utility's work can make a difference.

"In five or 10 years, when we need the community to stand behind us, we need to start laying those tracks now," Krouse said.

Learning through a real bill

Using a sample statement, presenters walk students through account information, billing dates, usage history, payment deadlines, and late charges. They explain fixed customer charges, energy use, power-cost adjustments, taxes and assistance credits, showing how each component contributes to the final balance.

Students also learn about payment options and what can happen when bills go unpaid. The presentation covers Wisconsin's winter disconnection moratorium, the importance of contacting a utility early when payment becomes a challenge, and assistance resources such as the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program and weatherization services.

The program typically reaches 20 to 25 students per visit. And while utility bills might not sound like the most exciting classroom topic, Krouse has been pleasantly surprised by the students' engagement. "I remember thinking the first time we went in that they wouldn't want to listen and wouldn't understand," she said. "I'm always extremely impressed with the students and the questions they ask. The quizzes come back correct in almost all cases. We don't give them enough credit sometimes."

The lessons can also extend beyond the classroom. Students may return home and share what they learned with parents and grandparents, creating additional opportunities for families to better understand their utility bills.

A simple idea utilities can adapt

Algoma Utilities plans to continue the program because it offers a practical way to connect with young people and build awareness of the utility's role in the community.

"We think it's a great way to connect with youth in our community — our future billpayers," Krouse said.

Her advice to other utilities interested in similar outreach is to keep it simple, build relationships with local schools, and take advantage of opportunities to share the story with the broader community.

"Figure out the best person at the school. And steal the work we've done! Make it easy on yourself," she said. "The best approach is often the simplest one."

Krouse also encourages utility employees to bring their enthusiasm to the classroom. "Infuse your pride in your work and in your utility — people pick up on that and will see *you* as the authority and face of the utility."

Finally, she recommends promoting the effort through school newsletters, local newspapers, and chambers of commerce. These steps can help extend the program's reach and highlight the ways municipal utilities contribute to their communities.

By turning a declining scholarship effort into an interactive learning experience, Algoma Utilities has created a program that prepares students for adult financial responsibilities, introduces them to public power careers and begins building relationships that could benefit the utility f years to come.

Members' News

Rice Lake Utilities has hired **Brandon Shipley** as Journeyman Lineman. He previously worked for Barron Municipal Utility for three years.

Wendy Sutton is now Utility Clerk at Westby Electric & Water Utility.

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Municipal employees complete MEUW training program

Four MEUW utility employees recently took the next step in their professional development journeys. Pictured are (from left): **Nicole Renkas** (Columbus Utilities), **Matt Magnussen** (Oconomowoc Utilities), **Brandi Yungen** (Stoughton Utilities), and **Brian Hoops** (Stoughton Utilities), who were recognized during a recent training session held in Mauston.

Each of them has now completed MEUW's four-part Fundamentals of Municipal Utility training program. The series is designed to explain specifics that are relevant to public power utility employees and leaders, with an emphasis on detailing the "why" behind each of the discussion areas. Municipal workers of all skill levels and backgrounds can benefit from this series, providing them with a foundation for understanding the public power industry. To learn more about professional development opportunities, visit *meuw.org/pdp*.

Collaboration takes JT&S training out of the classroom



Keeping safety training fresh, engaging, and effective has always been important. With a wide array of learning styles and differing experience levels in the ranks of municipal electric lineworkers, MEUW is exploring new approaches and partnering with member utilities as part of the Job Training and Safety (JT&S) program. The goal is to introduce new topics and more hands-on field training to encourage active participation and help lineworkers better retain and apply safe work practices.

One recent example was a partnership with Arcadia Electric Utility to host a hands-on mutual aid training exercise. On Oct. 14, MEUW facilitated a day of real-life scenarios for local crews in the rear-lot within Arcadia's electric grid. Arcadia also wanted to test a new mobile app called "Field Maps," which they plan to utilize in the event of a request for mutual aid.

Arcadia Electric Utility Superintendent Tim Putz said his goal was to expose his power plant workers and other employees to the workings of the electric utility so they would feel comfortable providing support during a large event.

As crews from neighboring utilities arrived for their regular JT&S training session, they were instructed to upload Arcadia's Geographic Information System (GIS) map to use during the day's events. Participants from Arcadia, Bangor, Trempealeau, Westby, and Whitehall then evaluated the application's functionality, ease of use, and accessibility of information to determine its effectiveness as a resource during mutual aid operations. Following the discussion and review of the GIS map, crews reviewed several safety rules that specifically related to the tasks they would perform.

In preparation for the one-day training event, Arcadia Electric Utility crews consulted with MEUW Electric Utility Safety and Training Coordinator Damian Pasch and created several realistic storm damage scenarios utilizing a retired rear-lot single-phase overhead line. The scenarios simulated downed primary and open-wire secondary lines, along with a variety of other hazards and challenges, including the removal of a rear-lot overhead transformer using a gin and rope blocks. Participating crews were reminded that during mutual aid responses, modern equipment and resources may not always be readily available, making it necessary to rely on traditional work methods and techniques to safely and effectively complete the task.

The variety of hands-on training exercises provided valuable learning opportunities for everyone involved, regardless of their time in the trade. Equally important was the opportunity for less-experienced linemen to learn from seasoned lineworkers, whose knowledge, experience, and practical expertise proved invaluable. Beyond the hands-on exercises, the event brought together crews from multiple utilities, encouraging collaboration, professional networking, and the exchange of proven work practices and techniques. These interactions are essential to the continued growth of the JT&S program and the professional development of municipal utility lineworkers across the state.

Similar exercises have already occurred and will continue at public power utilities in Argyle, Evansville, Hazel Green, Trempealeau, and Whitehall, among others. While this type of training takes time to organize, the lessons learned are vital to keeping workers safe and ensuring they receive field experience in a controlled environment. "Death by PowerPoint" is a legitimate concern for all workers and JT&S training is purposefully moving beyond the classroom to offer more engaging learning opportunities for lineworkers and other utility staff.

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Wisconsin utilities earn national recognition

Seventeen public power utilities from Wisconsin have earned a Smart Energy Provider (SEP) designation from the American Public Power Association for demonstrating commitment to and proficiency in energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, and environmental initiatives that support the goal of providing safe, reliable, low-cost, and sustainable electric service. The designations were presented during APPA's annual Customer Connections Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 26.

The SEP designation, which lasts for three years (Dec. 1, 2026–Nov. 30, 2029), recognizes public power utilities for demonstrating leading practices in four key disciplines: smart energy information; energy efficiency and distributed energy resources programs; environmental and sustainability programs and initiatives; and communication, education, and customer experience. This is the ninth year APPA has offered the SEP designation.

The 17 MEUW member utilities earning the designation in 2026 are:

- Cedarburg Light and Water Commission
- Columbus Utilities
- Florence Utilities
- Jefferson Utilities
- Kaukauna Utilities
- Lake Mills Light & Water
- Menasha Utilities
- New London Utilities
- New Richmond Utilities
- Oconomowoc Utilities
- Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities
- Richland Center Electric Department
- River Falls Municipal Utilities
- Stoughton Utilities
- Sun Prairie Utilities
- Two Rivers Water & Light
- Waunakee Utilities

Seven member utilities previously earned SEP designation and will carry it through 2027:

- Algoma Utilities
- Eagle River Light & Water Utility
- Cuba City Light & Water
- Hartford Utilities
- Slinger Utilities
- Sturgeon Bay Utilities
- Waupun Utilities

In addition, Marshfield Utilities was recognized with a **2026 Public Power Customer Satisfaction Award** for providing excellent service to their community.

The award is based on receiving high customer marks in areas such as customer service, field personnel, communication, reliability, value, outage response, innovation, and overall satisfaction. Marshfield received bronze-level recognition and was the only Wisconsin utility to receive the award.

Wisconsin Rapids Water Works & Lighting Commission was selected to represent Wisconsin as a designee of APPA's inaugural public power utility **Cybersecurity Accelerator Program** (CAP). The new program helps public power utilities assess and improve the maturity of their cybersecurity programs, including the information technology and operational technology capabilities, governance practices, workforce preparation, incident response processes, and risk management activities that support reliable and resilient operations.

CAP is designed not only to recognize utilities that demonstrate strong cybersecurity practices, but also to help every participating utility better understand and communicate its current capabilities, identify opportunities for improvement, prioritize future investments, and measure progress over time.

Electric Operations Conference & Expo

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The day will be punctuated by a reminder of the power of personal perseverance and determination. Super Bowl Champion Don Beebee (pictured at right) will share his successes and struggles, and the importance of family values in achieving one's goals.

The Apprentice Graduation Banquet will take place Thursday evening and features a brief program to recognize the class of 2026, who completed the lineworker or meter technician programs at Chippewa Valley Technical College, and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. There is a separate registration and $65 fee required to attend the Banquet.



MEUW celebrates its members and marks 98 years supporting public power in Wisconsin

We celebrated MEUW's 98th birthday by celebrating what really makes MEUW successful — our members! This year's Member Appreciation Days (Oct. 19 – 23) gave members a chance to participate in the fun through daily contests, treats, by providing feedback to MEUW, and a reminder to celebrate each other through nominations for MEUW Honors and Awards. We had more than 135 entries into the daily puzzles — as usual, our members really showed up!

MEUW's Member Appreciation Days is our way of saying "thank you." In today's fast-paced, ever-changing environment, the relationships built through association membership are more valuable than ever. Your commitment, ideas, and engagement are the foundation of everything we do.

As we gear up for our 100th anniversary in October 2028, our members' involvement helps shape our programs and services, drive innovation, and ensure that MEUW remains a trusted resource for the next 100 years.

The following members were randomly selected from among the correct respondents and will be awarded prizes:

Daily Contest Winners:

- Ryan Churchill – Reedsburg
- Jean Jack – Kaukauna
- Michelle Kaltenberg – Columbus
- Brenda Rundle – River Falls
- Bryce Schulke – Clintonville

The **"All In" award** was earned by Beth Rank (Oconto Falls), who was among eight members who completed every contest and also the Day 4 Bonus.

The "**Team Spirit" award** was awarded to Waupun Utilities, which had 33% of their employees submit answers during the daily contests!









Communities celebrate another Public Power Week

The first full week of October is the public power industry's annual opportunity to celebrate the benefits of being community-powered. Many MEUW member communities hosted special events and festivities, including:

- **Kaukauna Utilities** celebrated Public Power Week with two events. The utility hosted a Business Appreciation Brat Fry, serving 1,700 brats to 83 local businesses. They also sponsored a Public Power Week Coloring Contest, which drew participation from 32 classes at 10 area schools. The class or poster receiving the most Facebook "likes" won a pizza party and a $500 donation to their school. Because of the awesome participation, they decided to recognize two winning classes — one elementary school class and one middle school class!
- **Marshfield Utilities** sponsored several activities throughout the week, including a daily trivia contest on their social media accounts, Senior Bingo, and Public Power Story Time.
- **Rice Lake Utilities** celebrated Public Power Week with a week full of fun! Throughout the week, customers enjoyed promotional giveaways and sweet treats in the utility's lobby, along with the opportunity to enter a raffle for a chance to win $50 in "Chamber Bucks." The week's celebration wrapped up with two food trucks, treating customers to a complimentary lunch and dessert.
- **Stoughton Utilities**, **Two Rivers Utilities**, and **Waunakee Utilities** were among the utilities that posted videos on their Facebook pages showcasing the essential services municipal utilities provide to their communities.
- **Sun Prairie Utilities** participated in several events throughout the week. SPU sponsored and provided employee volunteers at Sunshine Supper, which provides free meals to those in need. SPU staff also participated in library reading time and a "touch a truck" event, and held a coloring contest. Employees even visited the winner's home and presented her with a plastic hard hat and stickers, along with a ride to school.





PSC review of transmission projects should focus on cost impacts, reliability needs

By Tyler Vorpagel, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Relations

As non-profit, community-owned entities, Wisconsin's municipal electric utilities work every day to deliver reliable and affordable power to their customers. However, their ability to maintain competitive rates and reliable service is directly tied to decisions made regarding major regional infrastructure projects. Two proposed high-voltage transmission lines — Bell Center–Columbia–Sugar Creek–Illinois/Wisconsin State Line (BECI) and MariBell — are the largest regional grid developments in decades. While grid modernization is essential, municipal utilities must consider the potential downstream effects on their customers, ensure communities are protected against disproportionate financial burdens, and guarantee that local reliability needs are met.

Both the BECI and MariBell projects are major backbone additions designated under the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) regional planning framework, carrying significant cost implications for all Wisconsin ratepayers. Because these are interstate lines, and Wisconsin does not have "right-of-first-refusal" legislation in place, both projects were subject to a competitive-bidding process. The MariBell project was awarded to developers who do not currently own transmission assets in Wisconsin.

The MariBell Transmission Project is a proposed 140-mile, high-capacity line stretching from Marion, Minn., to Bell Center, Wis. This project involves construction of a double-circuit electric transmission line (765 kV and 161 kV) crossing western Wisconsin counties — including Vernon and Crawford. It is part of the MISO plan to increase cross-border power transfer capacity along the Mississippi River. GridLiance Heartland (part of NextEra Energy Transmission) is a co-developer, along with Dairyland Power Cooperative, which will oversee the Minnesota portion of the line.

The BECI Project is an expansive, roughly 190-mile, 765-kilovolt transmission line. Originating at Bell Center in Crawford County, BECI spans southern Wisconsin across Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Dane, Jefferson, Rock, and Walworth counties before terminating at the Illinois state line. The MISO bid was awarded to Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS), which is a joint venture formed between Transource Energy, LLC and BHE Transmission (a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy). MGS was established to develop, construct, and operate large-scale regional transmission projects and was selected through MISO's competitive-bidding process to develop, own, and manage the BECI Project.

While these projects aim to address regional capacity issues and prevent MISO-wide overloads, multi-billion-dollar transmission investments inevitably trigger long-term cost recovery mechanisms. For municipal utilities, every dollar added to regional transmission charges directly impacts budgets and ultimately flows through to customers' electric bills.

In an effort to lookout for our members and our customers, MEUW, Great Lakes Utilities (GLU), and Upper Midwest Municipal Electric Utilities Group (UMMEG) have jointly filed for intervener status with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) on MGS's petition for utility status in Wisconsin. This filing is in addition to WPPI Energy's intervener filing.



We are concerned about cost-allocation equity given that this project could introduce a new, out-of-state, transmission company and what that will mean for municipal electric utilities and customers. Local grid integration must be carefully coordinated to ensure that these massive transmission corridors will effectively integrate with our local distribution systems and enhance local reliability. We also want to ensure that these projects will be the most cost-effective means of delivering our long-term energy needs.

By establishing formal party status in the PSC docket, municipal electric utilities ensure that community-owned power providers have a seat at the table — advocating for fiscal discipline, transparent planning, and a resilient, affordable energy future for Wisconsin. We will continue to provide updates as to the status of these large transmission projects.

See how easy it is to get involved in advocacy activities — attend December webinar



Advocating in the best interests of municipal utilities is foundational to MEUW's existence. Having members actively engage in the association's advocacy work is vital to the mission of unifying and strengthening public power here at home. Make plans to join your public power colleagues for **"Advocacy 101"** — a free 60-minute webinar on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 10:00 a.m. — to learn about the legislative process and hear how everyday people are using their voices to influence lawmakers.

In this interactive session, MEUW will break down the basics in a simple, practical way. Participants will take away:

- What advocacy is (and how it's different from lobbying);
- Why advocacy matters – to our communities, industry;
- An understanding about the key decision-makers, who they are and how they shape policy; and
- Ideas to share your story and get your message across.

The webinar will also include a short practice exercise to try out an "elevator pitch" and share tips for having conversations with lawmakers.

No experience is required — just bring your curiosity and a willingness to give it a try. By the end, you'll walk away with a few simple tools and a better understanding of how everyday people can make a real difference. The webinar is free, but pre-registration is required. Sign up today.

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When fire safety meets cybersecurity

*The following information is a learning scenario recently discussed during a meeting of MEUW's Cyber and Physical Security Working Group. If you'd like to learn more, or have questions for the group, please contact Kaukauna Utilities' **Don Krause** at (920) 766-5721.*

The Scenario: Smoke at the Substation

It's 2:15 AM. Your utility's Operations Center receives a fire alarm from an unmanned substation.

The building has a network-connected fire alarm monitoring system, electronic door access, security cameras, and remote environmental monitoring.

Situation 1 — The Alarm

The fire alarm reports smoke in the equipment room, but the security camera feed is unavailable.

Question: How would your utility verify the alarm and safely respond without relying on the camera system?

Situation 2 — The Cyber Connection

While investigating, I.T. discovers unusual network activity involving the building management system. It's unclear whether the fire alarm is genuine, malfunctioning, or being manipulated.

Question: Who decides whether to disconnect the affected network, and could doing so interfere with fire detection, notification, or emergency access?

Situation 3 — The Complication

Firefighters arrive, but the electronic access control system isn't responding. Meanwhile, the Operations Center has lost visibility into several building systems.

Question: Do your emergency responders have a reliable way to enter the facility and assess conditions without depending on network connectivity?

The Takeaway

We often think of fire protection as a physical safety system and cybersecurity as an I.T. responsibility. But, as these systems become connected, their risks overlap. Here are three questions to ask yourself:

- Do we know which fire and life-safety systems depend on our networks?
- Can those systems continue protecting people during a cyber incident or network outage?
- Have I.T., Operations, Facilities, and emergency responders agreed on how to respond when both physical and digital systems are affected?

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Develop your coaching skills with this training

Get ready for a great 2027 by investing in your own professional development through this Dec. 2 Leading Through Coaching course. As part of MEUW's professional development programming, this one-day leadership development course focuses on knowing how and when to coach — highlighting the skills and emotional intelligence needed to coach others effectively. Good coaches are seen as role models and therefore need to understand those things that cause them to have frustration, negative self-talk, and, in turn, keep them from channeling their emotions productively. Knowing yourself will help you to be more effective as a leader and a coach resulting in the ability to effectively develop others. Registration and details about what you'll learn are available here.

Refine your communications and project management skills

Mastering strategic communication and project management isn't just useful — it's the backbone of a thriving municipal utility. By completing this one-day training that is part of MEUW's Fundamentals of Utility Leadership Management series, municipal utility professionals will equip themselves with essential communication and project-management skills to enhance operational success. Participants will learn to effectively plan and prioritize tasks, provide constructive feedback, and track projects to ensure nothing is overlooked. The class emphasizes clear communication — both in giving directions and active listening — to foster meaningful feedback and understanding. Registration is now open for the Feb. 10 class here.

Biennial Credit and Collections Seminar set for March in Wisconsin Dells

Every other year, MEUW hosts a seminar to share information about the rules and regulations for utility collections and provide attendees with tips and techniques to make the process more effective and efficient. The program is designed to help strengthen the public power utilities' collection process, with timing targeted at the end of the cold weather moratorium on electric service disconnection.

This year's seminar is planned for Wednesday, March 10 in Wisconsin Dells. The agenda includes a refresher from the Public Service Commission (PSC) about disconnection, deferred payment arrangements, deposits, and foreclosures. There will be updated details about resources available to help customers who qualify for energy assistance, and discussions of best practices. Full details will be available soon. Learn more here.

Industry News

Federal government release $3.6 billion to fund LIHEAP

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Community Services has released $3.6 billion in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding for fiscal year 2027, which began Oct. 1. The funding represents 90% of the total annualized amount made available for LIHEAP under the Continuing Appropriations (CA) and Extensions Act, 2027 (Pub. L. 119-103) enacted this summer.

The American Public Power Association (APPA), has been working with the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition to ensure that the bulk of LIHEAP funding is released as early as possible so that local community action agencies can help to ensure critical winter month relief.

PSC approves new natural gas plants to meet rising demand

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) on Oct. 15 unanimously approved plans to build two natural gas power plants in southeastern Wisconsin to help meet growing electricity demand, particularly from data centers. The Foundry Ridge Energy Center in Walworth County would generate 324 megawatts (MW), with operations targeted for 2028, while the Red Oak Ridge Energy Center in Kenosha County would generate nearly 1,200 MW, with a target date of 2030. The projects are being developed by Chicago-based Invenergy and represent about 1.5 gigawatts of generating capacity and more than $2 billion in estimated construction and acquisition costs.

The approvals drew criticism from environmental groups concerned about air pollution, health impacts, and costs to customers. PSC commissioners also questioned whether current state law gives regulators sufficient authority to fully evaluate project costs, need, and alternatives. We Energies — the state's largest utility — has applied to acquire the plants as part of its plans to expand generation resources amid forecasts of a 40% increase in Wisconsin electricity demand by 2032.

Evers, PSC award $11.5 million for clean energy projects

Gov. Tony Evers and the PSC announced $11.5 million in Energy Innovation Grant Program funding for 36 projects statewide. Recipients include school districts, nonprofits, local and Tribal governments, manufacturers, and higher education institutions. The grants support energy efficiency, demand response, renewable energy, energy storage, and comprehensive energy planning. Created in 2017, the program has awarded $51.5 million to 205 projects across Wisconsin. Additional information about the program can be found on the PSC website here.

Wisconsin Rapids denies permit to build data center

The Wisconsin Rapids Common Council voted unanimously Oct. 20 to deny a conditional use permit for a data center proposed on the site of a former paper mill.

The permit would have allowed the data center to be built on the 220-acre site. The council's vote came after intense public pushback and months of debate and was met with cheers from people in attendance.

An attorney representing PNK Group, the company behind the proposed development, addressed the Council before the vote, asking members to either approve the permit, or refer the project back to the Planning Commission, which has recommended the permit be denied.

Earlier in October, a moratorium on data centers took effect, placing a 12-month freeze on construction and additional restrictions on future data centers within the city.

Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Matt Zacher said the denial and the moratorium give the city more time to update its ordinances governing data centers and how to approach future proposals.

Owners cancel plans to build long-delayed gas plant in northern Wisconsin

La Crosse-based Dairyland Power Cooperative and South Shore Energy, a subsidiary of Minnesota-based Allete, are canceling plans for a proposed $1 billion gas-fired power plant. The Nemadji Trail Energy Center was to be built on the shore of Lake Superior. The companies asked the PSC to withdraw its approval of the project in a letter filed Oct. 28.

The PSC issued certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing construction of 625-MW plant in 2020. At the time it was announced, the utilities said the facility would provide reliable electricity as they moved away from coal and invested in renewable energy.

The project encountered years of legal challenges and opposition from local residents, environmental groups, and members of the Fond du Lac and Red Cliff Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa.





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State regulators approve new four-year plan to sustain statewide energy-efficiency program

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has approved the Focus on Energy plan for 2027–2030, providing direction for the next four years of Wisconsin's statewide energy-efficiency program. The plan builds on familiar offerings while expanding support for customers who face barriers to participation. For utilities, it outlines new opportunities to connect residents and businesses with energy-saving improvements and places greater emphasis on reducing summer peak electricity demand.

By the Numbers

The plan anticipates a total four-year budget of $495.3 million, including approximately $425.3 million to support customer incentives and program delivery. The remaining $70 million will support program oversight and administration, including evaluation, fiscal management, and regulatory compliance. Consistent with historical budget allocations, roughly 40% of the incentive funding will support residential customers, and 60% will support businesses.

The four-year plan includes $25 million in renewable energy incentives and a summer peak demand reduction target of approximately 247 megawatts. It also introduces winter peak reduction targets of approximately 162 megawatts for electricity and 515,000 therms for natural gas. These new targets will help Focus measure how energy efficiency improvements reduce demand during winter peak periods and use those findings to guide future offerings.

Energy savings targets total 23.6 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and 1.49 billion therms of natural gas over the lifetimes of the improvements supported during the period.

Business Portfolio

Business offerings will remain largely consistent, continuing to serve farms, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, schools, and government customers. Energy Advisors will help customers identify improvements, evaluate potential savings, and navigate incentives.

A targeted small business initiative is planned for 2028, with approximately $12 million budgeted over three years. It will address challenges such as limited capital, competing priorities, and a lack of staff time to manage projects. Key features include enhanced incentives and dedicated Small Business Navigators who can guide eligible customers from identifying opportunities through completing improvements.

Utilities will be important partners in reaching these businesses. Their local relationships can help identify customers who would benefit from additional assistance and connect them with trusted support.

Residential Portfolio

Residential offerings will be organized around single-family and multifamily customers, with additional support for limited-income households. Familiar resources, including free energy-saving packs, the Online Marketplace, and equipment and weatherization incentives, will continue.

Beginning in 2028, planned additions include retailer-delivered discounts for eligible appliances and incentives for heating and cooling tune-ups. Targeted offerings will also include window rebates for limited-income households, contractor-delivered assessments for moderate-income households, and enhanced incentives for multifamily affordable housing.

The plan sets a goal for Communities of Focus, areas with historically lower participation and receipt of program benefits, to account for at least 20% of residential lifetime energy savings by 2030. Partnerships with utilities and community organizations will help connect more households with these opportunities.

Demand Response Support

Focus on Energy will continue supporting utility demand response programs through coordinated marketing, customer referrals, and incentives for compatible equipment, including smart thermostats and heat pump water heaters. The plan targets at least 83,000 qualifying devices by 2030.

These technologies can help utilities and customers adjust electricity use during periods of high demand. Focus will share information about rebated equipment with utilities to support outreach and program planning, while utilities remain responsible for their load management program enrollment and operation. Purchasing eligible equipment will not automatically enroll customers in demand response and participation will remain their choice.

Implementer procurement is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2027, with new offerings scheduled to launch in January 2028.

For more information about the offerings outlined and priorities guiding this work, review full plan is available in the Public Service Commission's online docket 5-FE-105 at *psc.wi.gov*.

MEUW provides Focus on Energy the opportunity to regularly contribute content to Live Lines *because of the organizations' shared support of municipal utilities.*

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Save the date for MEUW's 2027 Day at the Capitol

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend MEUW's "Day at the Capitol" on Thursday, April 1, 2027, in Madison. The new legislature is expected to have a number of new faces, and this is our chance to educate them about municipal electric utilities.

There is no cost to participate, and MEUW will coordinate the meetings. After a brief informational session to review the issues and talking points, small groups will make their way to the Capitol to visit Senate and Assembly offices for pre-arranged meetings with legislators and their staffs. Full details will be communicated at a later date.

PSC plans to award another round of Grid Resilience grants

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) is accepting applications for the second round of its Grid Resilience Program, which supports projects that strengthen electric system reliability against extreme weather, wildfire, and other natural disasters. The program reserves 75% of funding for smaller utilities and encourages projects involving grid hardening, weatherization, advanced monitoring technologies, undergrounding, fire prevention, and workforce development. Approximately $7.2 million is available immediately, with up to $9.7 million more possible through 2029. Applications are due Feb. 22, 2027.

The PSC's Office of Energy Innovation will hold a webinar on application instructions for the Grid Resilience Program on Nov. 5. Register for the webinar here.

The holiday season is fast approaching, and with it comes **holiday parades**! We'd like to celebrate our members all decked out for the season. Send photos of your utility vehicles in your community's festivities to *news@meuw.org*



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