

Street and Alley / Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:22 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Kaleb Wright, Melissa Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Mike Swick, Josh Kuhl, Maggie McDonald, John Stone, Josh Ochs, Amy Tarr, Scott Rubsam, Jennifer Holland and Eric Blake

Meeting began at 6:00 PM.

- Two quotes for the storm culvert replacement on Hickory Dr. and Kibler Condos were presented and discussed. The committee recommended moving forward with a 48-inch concrete pipe. Several utilities are located directly over the project area and will need to be rerouted. Vehicular traffic rerouting is also still being evaluated. City departments will work with the City Engineer to complete the necessary surveys, easements, rerouting plans, and project plans. Once the project is bid, construction is anticipated to begin within approximately 8–10 weeks. MFT funds will be used to cover the project costs.
- Considerations raised at the previous Council meeting regarding the proposed vacation of two alleys were discussed. The committee recommended removing the north section of the north-south alley between Reynolds and Curtis Streets from consideration and further evaluating the trees located in the south section. The committee will proceed with the east-west alley vacation at this time. Additional considerations will be addressed during upcoming budget discussions.
- Jennifer and the City Engineer developed options and obtained quotes for extending water service to residents on N. 1300th Street. The city will proceed with the homeowner's request and move forward with the proposed service extension.
- The Water Department has begun hydrant flushing. During the process, it was discovered that approximately 20% of the hydrants within a four-block area are not functioning properly. Jennifer expressed concern about the spacing and distance between some hydrants. These issues will be evaluated and addressed as soon as possible. Jennifer also mentioned a she would like to establish a yearly budgeting line and schedule for hydrant inspections, repairs, and maintenance.
- Josh Ochs updated the committee that all utility lines have been relocated for the Lafayette St. Bridge Project, allowing the city to proceed with its work. Once the current work at Five Aprils is completed, crews will move forward with the Lafayette Street Bridge Project.
- Scott Rubsam presented pictures of the Yager Lift Station and discussed his concerns regarding the condition of the facility. The lift station is in poor condition and requires significant repairs. Scott will work with Vandevanter Engineering to obtain an updated repair quote. The project is expected to be a significant expense. The possibility of selling the Griffith Ground to help offset the cost was mentioned.
- We are still waiting for the boring company to let us know when the W. Reynolds new sewer main project will begin.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Submitted by:
Mike Swick – Chairman