



PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
2/12/2026	2/17/2026	M. Engels

CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DU DATE	NOTES
Streets	10	2026	Asphalt patched on Olive, Ohio, Henrie, multiple intersections, City crew crack sealing 2/9-2/10, slurry seal August.
Drainage	**	2026	Engineers surveyed for study.
Sewer	0	2026	Telemetry engineer on board for improvements – updates to be reported to Council before April
Water	0	2026	Tower work to be scheduled and cleared with Council POC, staff flushing, testing, and valve exercising.
Pond	40	2026	Grant project in process. Snow slowed us down in Jan.

NOTES:

Administration:

I've been working on shopping for a dump truck. The prices are varying, but I'd like to be under 60K to find a dual axle that we are comfortable with the condition. It is my opinion that a new truck would be out of our price range for using it on short runs for 3-5 days per month.

I'd like to authorize an "up to" amount and then find something in that price range, run it by our SME Council member and get it in service. Looking for a little bit more capacity, and bed height that allows for us to load with the bobcat.

Keeping an eye on budget legislation (HB 2745), limiting local ability to levy taxes without an annual election. I am hoping that this one stalls out. I will keep you informed via email on any movement.

We did post a reminder about our website "notify the City" function, which allows citizens to let us know if they see anything that may improve our functions. This can be done anonymously. We encourage any input.

Benton Day planning is in full effect. Big "Thank You" to the Festivals Committee and all of the volunteers that make this event possible. April 25th this year.

Benton Clean Up Day provided by Waste Connections is scheduled for 4th. We will get the notifications going as the date gets closer.

Maintenance:

We had our first snow event of the year. The equipment and crew worked as expected.

Weather finally let us pick up with pond concrete, crack sealing the streets, asphalt patching, water valve regular maintenance, and other outdoor activites. During the cold and wet, we were able to stay on top of our vehicle checks and state paperwork.

We did read the meters a week early in January while we still had dry ground and good temperatures.

You will see us out in the next few weeks shooting lasers on the ditch at Main and 20th. Most of the time we can estimate the slope rate that we need, but this long run will require more precision.

2025 UPDATED

	TOTAL COST	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Notes:
PD							
TAHOE REPLACEMENT PD			\$30,000				We didn't meet the minimum 6 vehicles for fleet leasing.
2020 RAM				\$30,000			Changed the amount from 60K to 30K
2021 RAM					\$30,000		These numbers do include sale/trade
MAINT							
BUILDING	\$150,000	\$150,000					Complete
DUMP TRUCK	\$80,000		\$80,000				We have the ability to replace the dump truck and lift truck IN 2025.
LIFT TRUCK	\$30,000		\$40,000				Would recommend keeping our current dump truck for small work
GMC Plow	\$10,000	\$11,000					Complete
SPORTS FACILITY	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	Continuous - laying ground work with Circle Rec - lobbying for future
PARKING CITY HALL			\$3,000				Complete
PAVING PARK	\$150,000		\$150,000				Council to decide - options range from asphalt to gravel
DITCH IMPROVEMENTS	\$12,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	Excavator bucket modification - time spent is the goal to this one. \$2.5k/year listing is for culvert replacements through town -
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$442,500	\$166,000	\$308,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	