

Utility Department Report

Reporting Period: February 1-April 15, 20026

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Parks

Routine maintenance activities were conducted throughout the reporting period. Park staff completed skating rink upkeep and helping with the installation of a new camera at the ballfield. Playground and park equipment were inspected for safety, with no significant issues noted. Bathhouse at the ballfield needs some minor repairs and will be addressed as staffing and weather permit. Seasonal preparations and planning continue as appropriate. Fence toppers, paint marker and paint have been ordered for the baseball diamond and is scheduled to arrive May 5, 2026.

Beach had some vandalism with beer cans and signs put out on the ice on March 30; employee was able to clean up. Docks and swimming buoys are tentatively scheduled for placement during the first two weeks of May. LMC safety committee is scheduled to meet at Long Lake Beach Park on May 26, 2026.

Streets

Street maintenance during this period included routine inspections and minor repairs. Staff monitored street conditions for winter damage and potholes and addressed issues as time and resources allowed. Street sweeping and cleanup activities were initiated/continued as weather conditions permitted. No major street concerns were reported at this time.

Snow plowing proceeded without any major issues and employees appreciated the new plow on the pickup, helping to save time and work more efficiently. Parking lot fence was damaged, and 3 boards have been replaced. City gravel roads have been graveled.

Yard Waste

The yard waste site has been opened and is accessible to permit holders. Usage is increasing with seasonal cleanup activities. Staff monitored the site for compliance and cleanliness. No operational issues were reported during this period.

Water

The municipal water system operated within normal parameters during the reporting period. Routine checks and monitoring were completed, including system pressures and water quality observations. No service interruptions or water main breaks were reported. Any routine maintenance activities were completed as scheduled. The system remains compliant with applicable regulations.

Hydrant flushing is scheduled to take place April 27–29.

Sewer

The sanitary sewer system functioned normally during the reporting period. Lift stations and sewer infrastructure were monitored and maintained as required. No backups, overflows, or major maintenance issues were reported. Preventative maintenance continues to ensure reliable system operations. Lift station on Scharf froze and was thawed in March.

Summary

Overall, utility operations across all departments remained stable and within expected operating conditions during this reporting period. Staff will continue routine maintenance, monitoring, and seasonal preparations to ensure continued service reliability.
