

Utilities Superintendent Report – Vergas City Council

Meeting Date: July 2026

Water Department

- Work continues to maintain and secure the water plant grounds.
- A cost estimate for installing a **security fence around the water plant** has been prepared and is included as an attachment for council review.

Wastewater Department

- Year-to-date wastewater discharge totals **3.598 million gallons**.
- **Annual lift station inspections** are scheduled for the **first week of August**. These inspections will cover pumps, controls, alarms, and structural conditions to ensure compliance and reliability.

Parks

- All park areas have been **sprayed for Canadian thistle** as part of ongoing vegetation and invasive species management.

Streets

- **Eva Street** continues to be mowed **once per week** under our maintenance agreement with **Otter Tail County**.

Yard Waste Site

- A controlled burn was attempted on **June 15, 2026**; however, the **MN DNR denied the burn due to an air-quality alert** in effect at the time.
- The **MN DNR has since issued a burn permit valid until August 31, 2026**, allowing future yard-waste reduction activities as conditions permit.