

Public Works Report January 2024

The recent ice storm caused several alder trees to fall at the intersection of Spruce and Fifth Street.

Staff will be clearing these on Wednesday, as we could still not safely drive the necessary equipment to the top of the road to do this today. There were several other roads up the hill that were still not safe to drive today.

Special Thanks and mention goes to Public Works technician, Ron Schamp, for his dedication and service above and beyond duty this past weekend!

As the PW Director was out of the area, Ron cleared storm debris and kept Hospital Road drivable by sanding and salting all the way up to the Care Center. This was no easy task to do with the limited equipment that the city has for this situation, let alone on his own. Ron also insured that the water reservoirs remained filling throughout the event.

Staff have been working with RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation) through grant funding through the EPA for an asset management project. RCAC will be coordinating with staff to input the city's water and stormwater infrastructure into a GIS mapping system. This is an excellent first step to consolidate and improve the city's water utility maps into a platform that can easily be used in the field.

RCAC and staff will also work together to incorporate a GIS based system for documenting of our lead service line inventory that is required by EPA. Mapping work for these projects will begin in April. This is a big project with some great potential benefits.

Ron will be enrolling in a program to obtain his Oregon Level 1 Water Distribution certification. This is a 6 month study program that will prepare him for the state exam when he meets the experience requirements to apply for the test, hopefully sometime in 2024.