



## Public Works Update

December 9, 2025

1. CDOT has notified the city that they would like to continue the discussion regarding the removal of the traffic signal at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Yampa Avenue. They have sent over a design concept that eliminates the traffic signals, installs bulb-outs (pedestrian ramps at the intersection corners), and a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at one of the pedestrian crossings on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff are seeking input from City Council on how to move this discussion forward.
2. Road & Bridge conducted a streetlight audit of all Yampa Valley Electric owned and maintained lights throughout the city. The franchise agreement stipulates that the city will inspect the lights and report any that are out to YVEA who is responsible for repairing or replacing them. The audit resulted in nearly 100 streetlights that are currently not working throughout the city and YVEA has been notified to begin repairs. The lights will be rechecked in a few months, and staff will follow up with YVEA as necessary.
3. Road & Bridge provided traffic control for the Festival of Lights on November 29, which was well attended by the community. Sand was provided around the tree lighting ceremony to reduce chances for slips and falls.
4. Remediation work has been completed at the former oil disposal tank where some contamination occurred in the surrounding soil. We have received preliminary results and it appears that all of the contaminated soil has been recovered and safely disposed at the landfill. We will be submitting a request for no further action to the Division of Oil and Public Safety.
5. Fall leaf cleanup was a success. We filled five and a half 30-yard dumpsters full of leaves and branches and had 87 extra pickups for senior citizens.
6. With lack of snow during the month of November the Road & Bridge staff were busy street sweeping and cleaning out drainage ditches and culverts throughout the city. Gravel roads and alleyways were also bladed to provide a smooth surface for the winter months.
7. The Road & Bridge Director traveled to Rifle to observe a mobile asphalt machine that takes millings and processes them into asphalt that can be used for roadway patching. It was worthwhile seeing this new technology in action; however, we feel the limited production rates and cost would not result in a positive return on investment.
8. The Road & Bridge mechanic team completed a major repair on a motor grader just in time for the first snowfall that occurred on the last day of the month.
9. On November 17 all city water customers received a letter notifying them of results from a recent Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) sanitary survey. These surveys occur on a three-year cycle, and it is common in many communities for issues to be found that range from significant potential to have serious adverse effects on public health (Tier 1) to those

having little to no potential threat to water quality (Tier 3). In the last year the city received three violations which were classified as Tier 2 and Tier 3. CDPHE requires every facility to use a standard letter template that could lead to concerns and confusion for the customer. Staff have since posted a clarification document on social media to better explain the violations. There are not any known threats to the public drinking water.

10. The Water Department has installed a flow monitoring device on Fortification Creek which will allow for creek flows to be monitored in real time but as importantly for water rights purposes. Funding for this project was made possible by the Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable.
11. The Water Department held a final walk through at the South Glen Erie water tank following completion of the tank refurbishment work. Disinfection and bacteriological testing were conducted, and the tank has since been refilled and is back in service.
12. An open house has been scheduled for December 11 at 12:00-1:00 and 5:00-6:00 PM to engage with the public on potential Short-Term Rental (STR) regulations. The purpose of the open house is to collect and disseminate information regarding STR regulations and to get feedback from the community and interested stakeholders. A handout will be provided and a questionnaire will be used to collect data from participants. The event will be noticed in the newspaper, on the city's website, and social media. All are welcome to attend.
13. Building Department staff continued working to build an online portal that will be used for the public to access SmartGov which will be used to process applications and permits for street cuts and buildings. The goal is to go live starting in January for street cut permit applications followed by building permitting applications.
14. For the month of November, the Building Department issued 39 new permits with 26 of those within Craig city limits and 13 in Moffat County. A total of 80 inspections were completed, with 45 of those in city limits and 35 in the county. \$5,141 was collected in permit fees with \$1,845 associated with permits in the city and \$3,296 for permits in the county. The building valuations totaled \$272,850 with \$16,750 for projects within city limits and \$256,100 for projects in the county.
15. During the month of November 3 street cut permits were issued bringing the year-to-date total to 54.
16. Staff gave serious consideration to submit a letter of intent to the Colorado Energy Office for an Accelerator Grant that would require the city to adopt a policy and implement a project associated with Buildings, Land Use, Transportation, or Waste. Staff met with the Western Resiliency Center (formerly Yampa Valley Sustainability Council) to discuss viability of a policy associated with recycling. While a very tempting opportunity, for many reasons staff ultimately decided not to submit a letter of intent at this time.