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PATEROS

2022 IN REVIEW

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PUBLIC WORKS:

Mike Lambert; David Hunter; and Ryan
Sisler.

Energy grant \$125,000, and a TransAlta grant of \$60,000, and City match of \$30,000 (City match likely to be reimbursed through the new federal energy credit program.) The project will help reduce energy costs in the Water and Sewer utilities. Breakeven with city investment is expected in about 7 years and life expectancy of the equipment greater than 25-years. The project is expected to come online in 2023.

✓ **Progress on the winter barn was made in 2022.** We were able to get power and security light installed to the site; the containers painted, and material installed for the floor. The crew got a good start on the roof, but it made sense, with the early winter, to put the project on hold until better weather.

✓ **New sidewalk was installed along Warren Avenue.** The \$455,595 project was fully funded by the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board. The new sidewalk provides pedestrian connection from the west end of Warren Avenue to the sidewalk system connecting to the school and downtown.

✓ **The City is pleased to partner with EVCS to offer DC fast-charging to the general public while visiting town.** The fast-charging site will be located in

parking lot near bus stop, and will feature two 150 kW chargers, one level 2 charger and an outlet for electric bike charging. The 150kW chargers will be able to provide up to 200 miles of range during a 30-minute stay in Pateros.

✓ **The City received a grant to make sidewalk and ADA improvements to the downtown sidewalks.** The project is 100% funded by TIB and is expected to be about \$450,000. The project will be coordinated with the Electric Charging Station project and other economic development projects. The goal is to make downtown a more desirable place to stop, stroll, and spend time.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

✓ **Improvements to the Mall Breezeway were completed.** This is part of a larger project looking to increase economic activity and attractiveness to the downtown business core. Additional improvements are being worked on including aesthetic improvements to Commercial Avenue.

✓ **The city is in the process of installing a solar array on the water reservoir at the Cemetery.** Total project costs are estimated at \$214,000. The project is paid through Department of Commerce

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

WATER DEPARTMENT



The City water meets all of the health requirements provided by the State. We also have plenty of water for growth.

In 2022 the Manganese in Pateros water system was a minute level of 0.0004 mg/L. This is in stark contrast to the historic highs prior to 2018 of 0.2 to .05 mg/L.

The downtown pumpstation is used as a backup system and is offline to help keep manganese low in the water system. Although manganese at this well is high, the water source meets all of Department of Health's standards and stands ready for use.

The City produced 87.8 million gallons of drinking water in 2022. Because of the wet spring, water consumption was down 12% from the previous year.

The new meter system has been very helpful in alerting customers of water leaks. The metering system provides data that helps us more accurately estimate leakage in the mainlines. Leakage is estimated to be less than 2%, while the national average for system leakage is above 17% for small communities.

The city had several service breaks throughout the year, which is always disruptive to water quality

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in the system. However, there was only one mainline break, and it was due to construction activities.

SEWER DEPARTMENT



Mike the treatment plant operator received an award from Department of Ecology for the consistent compliance to our NPDES permit.

The city is finishing a 20-year facility plan for the sewer system. The main treatment plant is approaching 25-years old and much of the collection system is exceeding 50-years in age.

The plan is an extensive evaluation of existing facilities and needed repairs. The plan also projects growth and future needs within the system.

The City processed 18.5 million gallons of residential, commercial, and industrial wastewater in 2022

In 2020 Apple House made significant improvements their processing methods which dramatically reduced the strength of wastewater. Thus, reducing fee collection. Since 2020, sewer reserves have supplemented revenues. An increase in sewer rates can be expected to keep the sewer utility out of the negative.

STREET DEPT.

The Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) offered additional funds this spring. Over seven miles of streets were crack-sealed and almost three miles were chip-sealed for \$162,000.

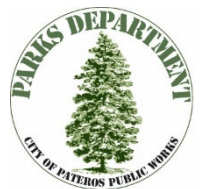


The city had a 10% match, which it met with staff hours.

The Council also adopted a Local Road Safety Plan and updated downtown parking rules.

New street signs were installed on Warren Avenue, including new speed limit, school, pedestrian warning, and stop signs. New railroad warning signs and street striping was installed in the downtown. Parking signage in the downtown will be coming in 2023.

PARKS DEPARTMENT



The first Arbor Day since the pandemic was held at Methow Boat Launch Park. Elementary children from three classrooms attended.

The city sponsored Movie in the Park events had great attendance and were considered a success. More to come in 2023.

Douglas PUD is extending the trail at Memorial Park along the waterfront to Ives Landing Park.

Ives Landing RV Park had its best year ever with over 300 reserved nights by campers.

Okanogan Country Tourism install a new kiosk near the bus station on Commercial Avenue. The City will be installing information about Pateros for visitors.