

Public works Report – March 2026

During the month of March, the Town of Lake City produced 13,954,900 gallons of safe drinking water. The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed 1,098,842 gallons of wastewater. For comparison, in March of last year, the Town produced 15,046,300 gallons of water and processed 1,318,882 gallons of wastewater.

Water Meters

Public Works has conducted further research into not only the Kamstrup metering system but other options as well, to ensure Kamstrup is the right choice for our water system.

Kamstrup

We have spoken with multiple other water systems about these meters. Their biggest innovation is the ability to detect leaks before the meter — and even as far back as the water main. They also include many other sensors that can detect temperature and whether the meter has run dry.

Neptune

This metering system is comparable to Kamstrup according to references and research. However, it lacks the ability to detect leaks before the meter itself. Like Kamstrup, it includes multiple sensors that can detect temperature and if the meter runs dry.

Metron

The software for these meters is among the best available. However, according to references, both the integrity of the meters and the quality of customer service are less than adequate.

Water

On March 24th, both water tanks were inspected by tank divers. The needed repairs are minimal and could wait until the next tank inspection but with rising prices we plan to schedule the repairs in the near future.

Parts for the repair of a fire hydrant at the intersection of Water and 7th Street, as well as parts for the fire suppression system at the Armory were received. We are still waiting on one part for the fire suppression system. Due to the warm weather, contractors have already begun the installation and repair of service lines.

Wastewater

Construction of the wastewater plant is in full swing. Please see Joanne's report for further details.

Streets and Alleys

We have been repairing potholes in alleys and roads, as well as clearing some culverts. The application of Mag chloride has not yet been scheduled; we are working to coordinate it for approximately May 20th.

Other

Public Works fabricated a safety cage for the backhoe and removed the Christmas decorations. also assisted Parks & Recreation with preparations for the installation of the new playground and with the annual ice wall cleanup. The town park bathrooms have been de-winterized for the season. Additionally, Public Works and Parks & Rec worked together to remove trees on Henson Street near Gunnison Ave.

Thank you,

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