

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION



Date Action Requested: (February 17, 2026)

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No. 2026-4013	
Subject: Authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign the necessary documents or contacts for the replacement of leaking and failed water main valves at the intersection of North Edwards Street and East First Street	Staff: Russ Thomas Department: Public Works
Business Session	Order On Agenda: New Business
Hearing Type: Administrative	

Is this item state mandated? Yes No

If yes, please cite the state house bill or order that necessitated this action:

Recommendation: Approve Resolution # 2026-4013 authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign the necessary documents or contacts for the replacement of leaking and failed water main valves at the intersection of North Edwards Street and East First Street.

Executive Summary: During the investigation of potential grade and utility conflicts in preparation for the ODOT ADA ramp projects, it was discovered that the existing 18-inch water valve located on N Edwards Street near the intersection of E First Street was leaking. Upon excavation and inspection, it was determined that the leaking valve was not repairable and required replacement. Further investigation found that the eighty (80) year old 12-inch water valve located on S. Edwards Street could not be closed, which would be required to replace the leaking 18-inch valve.

Both valves are on major water supply mains of the city and downtown core area, Operation and functioning valves are critical to being able to isolate the water mains in the event of a line failure. Without replacement, the leaking 18-inch water valve will experience a catastrophic failure in the future, and the inoperable 12-inch water valve will not be able to isolate or shut down the local water mains in the event of a failure. Due to the location on and adjacent to ODOT Right of Way, this will require ODOT permitting, coordinated night work, and traffic control on state highway 99W (E First Street)

Fiscal Impact: Due to the size of the valves and the complexity of their replacement, the estimated cost for the replacement of the 18-inch water valve and 12-inch water valve, including all necessary materials and traffic control may be in the region of \$120,000.00. Funds for this unanticipated project are available in the current approved 2025-2027 BY budget in the pipe replacement fund. We are making this request in case the project crosses the \$100,000 line, in reality it may not do so.

Council Goals:

Continuous Goal A – Ensure Newberg Infrastructure is in good repair and supply.

Timely replacement of the leaking and failed water line valves will prevent a catastrophic failure of the 18” water, potential property damage, and preserve the integrity of the city potable water system.

RESOLUTION No. 2026-4013



A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign the necessary documents and work orders for the replacement of leaking and failed water main valves at the intersection of North Edwards Street and East First Street

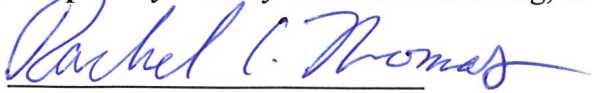
Recitals:

1. During investigations of potential utility conflicts for the ODOT ADA ramp projects, it was discovered that the existing 18-inch water valve located on N. Edwards Street near the intersection of E First Street is leaking.
2. Excavation and inspection of the leaking 18-inch water valve determined that it is not repairable and must be replaced to prevent a catastrophic failure
3. The 80 (eighty)year old 12-inch water valve located on S. Edwards Street that would be required to be shut down for replacement of the 18-inch valve was found to be inoperable, is not repairable, and must be replaced
4. Replacement of these water valves will prevent the catastrophic failure of the leaking 18-inch water valve, maintain the integrity of the city's potable water system, and restore operational valves required for water system isolation in the event of a water line failure.
5. Cost of the replacement of the leaking and failed water valves is estimated to be up to \$120,000.00 due to the size of the water valves and the complexity of their replacement.

The City of Newberg Resolves as Follows:

1. The 18-inch and 12-inch water valves located at the intersection of East First Street and North Edwards Street are leaking, inoperable, and must be replaced to maintain water system integrity.
2. To conduct these repairs, the City Manager is authorized to approve and sign the necessary documents or contacts for the replacement of the leaking and failed water main valves at the intersection of North Edwards Street and East First Street.

Effective Date of this resolution is the day after the adoption date, which is: February 18th, 2025.
Adopted by the City Council of Newberg, Oregon, this 17th day of February, 2025.



Rachel Thomas, City Recorder

Attest by the Mayor this 17th day of February, 2025.



Bill Rosacker, Mayor