

PFAS summary update by City Administrator Dan Wietecha at the Nov. 3, 2025 Hastings City Council meeting.

Work continues on constructing the water main and Central Water Treatment plant, with a close eye on the weather. Small portions of the project are attempted to ensure that each piece can be completed before winter weather impacts the work.

The city's 2026 budget proposal includes a phased approach of water rate increases of 10% each in January and July 2026 and January 2027. Budget planning in November and December could adjust the amount.

The phased approach would allow additional time to seek state bonding, grants, and/or direct connection to 3M Cottage Grove; enable phasing in the necessary rate increase; and recognize the complexity of loan and grant paperwork with the Public Facilities Authority.

The Senate Capital Investment Committee included Hastings on its State Bonding Tour on October 28. A similar visit by the House Capital Investment Committee is scheduled for Nov. 6.

Environmental investigations continue as planned by the MPCA to determine potential connection and eligibility for the City's other wells. The current round of studies are expected to complete in late 2025.

On Oct. 29, we received notice that Carbone's is suing the city over the purchase of 1290 North Frontage Road and their loss of lease and income; we are presently discussing this with counsel.