

# 2019-2023

## Capital improvements Plan:

**What is a CIP:** A Capital Improvements Plan is a short term planning tool that incorporates community projects , prioritizes them and coordinates the timing of the projects. Project costs are estimated during the design process that will allow for budget planning.

**CIP Timeframe:** The CIP is a 5 year plan beginning in July of 2019. The CIP is reviewed and redesigned every 5 years according to current infrastructure needs.

**Who will design the CIP:** great West Engineering based in Billings Montana. Great West specializes in many different aspects of community planning including some areas of priority for the City such as Wastewater, Transportation and Natural Resources.

**Why Great West Engineering:** Great West Engineering currently works with the City through the Publics Works director Mr. Jim Bushnell. Great West has a strong working knowledge of the City infrastructure.

**How much will the CIP design cost:** The cost is estimated to be in the range of 20-25 thousand dollars. By comparison , the cost is approximately ¼ amount required by Interstate Engineering to complete the 2015-2019 CIP. Mr. Bushnell has reviewed other Great West CIP's and found them to be comprehensive without the clutter of previous CIP's.

**How will the CIP be paid for:** The costs will be shared by all departments by allocating small portions of their annual budgets to the CIP. Brief discussion at the last work meeting including the Mayor indicated that the funding is or will be available.

**What is next:** *The Council will be asked to approve Great West Engineering as the 2019-2023 Capital improvements Planning Engineer. After that Department heads will meet and begin to compile and identify community projects and ideas for Great West to incorporate into a design document that the City will use a tool to implement and fund the projects.*

**Questions/Discussion:**

**Motion:** *Move to approve Great West Engineering to design the 2019-2023 Capital Improvements Plan.*