



SUMMARY:

Service Line Replacements: The City of Shelley completed a drinking water service line inventory in October 2024 in compliance with requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act. The service line inventory identified existing public and private service lines composed of galvanized pipe material that were downstream of lead pipe connections. The City of Shelley actively pursued and was awarded funding from EPA and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for replacement of these service lines and the lead pipe connections where present. EPA and DEQ refer to these replacements as Lead Service Line Replacements, and more specifically Galvanized Requiring Replacements, at the time the service line inventory was compiled.

Water Metering: The City of Shelley City Council has approved the implementation of city-wide and system-wide water meters as a water management tool for water conservation and identifying water leaks.

PROJECT:

In 2025 the City contracted with HK Contractors to begin service line replacements and water meter pit installations for water meters on water connections along West Fir Street.

In March 2026, the City plans to begin service line replacements throughout the rest of the water system through a contract with Knife River including water meter pit installations. The replacements of service lines and the installation of water meter pits and water meters are planned to continue through 2028. Meter pits will be placed in the public right-of-way either in the sidewalk, park strip, or between the property line and sidewalk. The City will own and maintain the public service line from the water main through the end of the water meter and meter pit.

Property owners may have their private service line replaced during the project while the contractor is on site, as part of the easement agreement described below. Project funding would bring the private service line within five feet of the foundation. The private service line will be connected to the five-foot stub outside the foundation with extra pipe material so the new service line can be connected to a new water shutoff inside the foundation/premise at a future time. There is an option in the easement agreement for the extra pipe material area to be left open for the property owner to have their own hired plumber make the connection into the interior of the foundation/premise. Any work needed to connect the private service line material into the interior of the foundation/premise will be at the expense of the property owner. The City will maintain a permanent utility easement to operate and maintain the meter & meter pit.

IMPACT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY:

The service line replacement from the drinking water mainline in the roadway to the meter pit is anticipated to impact landscaping along the service line, the roadway, sidewalk area, pedestrian travel, traffic, on-street parking, and water use during the construction. The construction of the water meter pit is anticipated to impact sidewalk areas, pedestrian travel, landscaping, and water use. Private service line replacement from the meter pit to the premise/home is anticipated to impact landscaping, water use, and some driveways and walkways. The construction plans include replacement of these items to pre-construction condition. The City will attempt to make advance notice of the water shutoffs.

WHAT THE CITY IS REQUESTING OF YOU:

Review the provided information and easement agreement. Sign the easement agreement to have the private side service line replaced or not and to leave the extra pipe material area open or not. The service line replacements and water metering are part of a larger project that the City Council has approved and agreed to for financing. Water Rates are planned to be adjusted accordingly (planned for City Council meeting April 8, 2026).

