

2023 Budget Tour Information

MAY 16, 2023 Meet at Public Works at 4pm

Members Present:

Olson, Jantzer, Pitner, Podrygula, Evans, Burlingame

Members Absent:

Ross

Tour of Recycling Transfer Center – Jason Sorensen and Dan Jonasson

Members present were taken on a bus tour of the recycling transfer center, before returning to Public Works at 5:15 PM. After, members participated in a working dinner during the presentation of the Engineering Department with City Engineer, Lance Mayer. Dominant topics included traffic management by Stephen Joersz, Traffic Engineer. Emily Huettl and Lance Meyer discussed the online permitting and other aspects of the new software, CityWorks.

At 7:00 pm, the Public Works Presentation began. Public Works Director, Dan Jonasson, covered flood mitigation and flood control maintenance, suggesting that the City either add a utility fee or add to the mill levy to cover the cost of increased flood control measures. Dave Lakefield preferred the mill levy, while Harold Stewart preferred a hybrid plan.

At 7:30 pm, Jason Sorensen, Assistant Public Works Director, discussed the administration of Public Works, and finding funding sources for an EPA rule requiring the replacement of lead pipes. He also addressed the Cast Iron Pipe replacement plan, totaling a cost of \$180 million. The Storm Sewer Department addressed sanitary sewer departments, totaling 272 miles of sanitary sewer lines. Rosehill Cemetery needs to set money aside for the Columbarium and a plat survey of the cemetery. Vehicle Maintenance has been working on fixing vehicle bays. Fleet and Transit want to separate and add a Fleet Manager position to supervise the vehicle maintenance shop. Other discussions consisted of City Transit, Water Treatment, NAWs, Water Distribution, Sewage Pumping, the Sanitation Department, and the City Landfill, which can be found in the presentation.

Discussion was also raised about the future structuring of Public Works after the retirement of Public Works Director, Dan Jonasson. Carrie Evans requested an open meeting, with Stephen Podrygula seconding. Anna Schraeder was asked to set up the meeting.

Public Works is hosting an open house on Tuesday, May 23 from 3:00-7:00 pm. Public Works will be serving hot dogs, as well as giving tours at 4:30 and 5:30 of the water plant and the landfill. Steve Podrygula asked for confirmation of June 1st as the MPO meeting date with Microsoft Teams.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST: Mikayla McWilliams
Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED: Tom Ross
Tom Ross, Mayor