

May 19, 2021 Special City Council Meeting- Budget Tour

Members Present:

Olson, Jantzer, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Sipma

Members Absent:

Evans

The City Council Budget Tour began at 3:02 pm at Public Works, Conference Room 3.

Public Works Presentation

Dan Jonasson, Public Works Director, presented information on each of the 12 departments in Public Works. He introduced the staff and described various budget requests from 2020, 2021 and 2022. He highlighted the extensive maintenance conducted on equipment in order to extend their use for years past their expected life.

Jason Sorenson, Assistant Public Works Director, provided additional information about sanitation and the plans for the transfer facility. He discussed recycling and said it is on track for implementation spring of 2023.

Following the Public Works presentation, there was a break at 5:00pm. The meeting resumed at 5:33 pm.

Engineering Presentation

Lance Meyer, City Engineer, provided information on the Engineering Department. He introduced staff and reviewed each of the department's past purchases and future needs. He, along with Assistant Engineer, Emily Huettl, demonstrated the new CityWorks software which is nearly ready to go live. Staff is currently utilizing the software to identify and resolve issues. Once it is ready for the public, users will be able to report problems or concerns using an app or website and they can be easily and efficiently resolved by staff.

Facility Tours

Following the presentations, Alderman Jantzer, Alderman Ross and Mayor Sipma left at 6:54 pm. The rest of the group boarded a bus and continued with tours of the signage shop and traffic building, the water plant, and the landfill.

They returned to the Public Works building at 8:19 pm and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Matalka,
City Clerk