

Public Works Report

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Transportation:

- Snow removal, and sanding streets has been ongoing as needed; with the freezing rain we had followed by a heavy wet snowfall we have had to do a lot more sanding than normal, but have kept up very well. With the grading done, we are now going back to clean up spots where vehicles were parked, and clean up corners.
- Our grader is out of service, and has been hauled up to Brandt due to a cracked frame. We are expecting it to take at least a week to repair and have brought back; we have reached out to a local contractor to rent a machine if we should be required to move snow for the interim.
- All back alleys will be cleared this week, barring another snowfall.

Utilities:

- 2 of our treated water reservoirs have been cleaned by Mann Environmental, the 3rd will be done early spring once the weather is favorable as it is the outside one.
- WTP upgrades are continuing along on schedule; the equalization tank has passed leak testing, there has been some work done on internal piping including new supply lines ran in the basement to feed the water plant controls. Preparation work has started for the rerouting of filter effluent and backwash water, but will not be put into service until all parts are onsite.
- Our backup generator, and fire pump had their yearly inspections performed by Cummins; we have 1 deficiency with oversized lugs within the switchover cabinet for the generator which has been passed on to our electrician to remedy.
- We had a line break on First Avenue last week which resulted in a PDWA being issued for the affected properties. The line has been repaired and samples have been submitted, just waiting on results to clear the PDWA.

Environmental Health:

- The transition period from public works to Loraas picking up garbage is nearly done; there were some hiccups along the way, but any issues were dealt with as they arose. We would like to express our thanks to the community for their patience as this was happening.
- Landfill operations have been going very well, there were some slower times during the cold snap, but has returned to normal now.
- I would like to send congratulations to our Landfill Manager Dylan, and his wife Nevada on the birth of their son. Yay!!!

General Public Works

- We have started redoing garland on some of our older Christmas decorations during any down times; they look fantastic.
- I have a meeting with Urban Systems, and their GIS team tomorrow morning to go over our options and expectations of what GIS mapping can do for us; what equipment we need, programs, and any support that they can provide to us.