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## Public Works Report, October 2024

- Staff repaired 3 water services, as well as 5 main valves during October.
- We were finally able to pick up the plow for our new truck, and got the truck prepped completely for plow operations. Everything was checked over and inspected, a CB radio installed, decals put on, and a protective coating sprayed on.
- Finished parks and roadways cleanup for the year. Everything was mowed and trimmed for a final time. Drainage ways were cleaned up, including multiple grade repair in areas.
- Cleaned the north fence line at the SWWTP. This has been neglected a bit over the last couple years, and we were able to remove dead brush and trees, as well as cut back the tree line from the fence with the boom mower.
- Also at the SWWTP the drive to the lift station was regraded, and we filled the road in with millings. There are other projects on the grounds of the south plant that we plan to do over the course of winter, such as consolidation of spoils piles and general cleanup of the property.
- Started cleanup of the entry way berms of the Prairie Green neighborhood. Cut out dead/scab bushes and trees, trimmed up long grass, trimmed tree canopies. Also trimmed bushes surrounding the neighborhood signage for better visibility.
- Boomed mowed roadway trees back off main roads, as well as certain areas of drainage and detention ponds that we can't reach with our batwing mower.
- Cleaned out storage area of NWWTP. We added some concrete block dividers and will use this area as winter cold patch storage.
- Reset and extended drainpipe on Greenbriar the length of our easement.
- Remove broken sanitary manhole and replace with new riser and lid behind Dollar General.
- In preparation for winter storage, we cleaned up the interior of the old Public Works facility. Cleaned out the loft and brought balance of signage and truck/tractor parts to new shop for storing. Once the balance of what had been left down there was out, we removed the loft to create additional floor storage for mowers, tractors, and other equipment. The roof siding and gutters will be completed early November, and from there we will bring summer equipment for winter storage.
- Prepped all mowers and tractors for winter storage including washing, greasing, and protective coatings. In down time from plowing, these pieces of equipment will get serviced over the winter.

- All plow trucks were finished being serviced. Wings, plows, and auger pans were installed. Winter coatings were applied to all plows, wings, and frames. As with other equipment, this helps with longevity and the special winter coating helps with salt corrosion.
- Moved generators from the yard of NWWTP to interior storage at plants. With the new shop, we are now able to utilize the old PW facility as well as interior areas of plants for storage. This will be the first season all generators and trailers will be stored inside and out of the winter elements.
- November will bring the finishing of winter prep, as well as wrapping up some odd and ends projects from fall. Weather permitting, we will continue to work on drainage ways, as well as water main valve replacement.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns. I am always open to going into more detail on past, current, or future projects and work my department is doing.