



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: October 2, 2024

Subject: September 2024 Public Works Report

Here is my summary of our work activities that were carried out in September.

1. **Sanburnol street project**

- We are done! The contractor striped the road October 1st and are just doing some punch list items now.

2. **83rd Avenue project.**

- This should be finished by October 4. They had striping to finish and a few punch list items. Both projects turned out very nice.

3. **Seasonal work staff:**

- We are down to the last 2 seasonal help for the year. Steve will be done within 2 weeks and Terry will be here for the fall. All of our seasonal staff are incredible and we couldn't do as good of a job that we do without their help throughout the year.

4. **Parks Maintenance:**

- We have torn out the majority of the playground and the chips in anticipation of the contractor coming in later this month to install the new playground. We are hoping that it is mid-October when they can get it installed and the surfacing will be put in next spring.

5. **City Hall construction**

- We have been busy getting everything moved and up and running in our new temp office space. It seems to be going well and there is only an occasional issue. They are now moving on to phase 2.

6. The new loader.

- We should be taking delivery of our new Cat loader next week just in time for winter operations. This has an adjustable box plow on the front so you can go from a 10' plow to a 14' plow with it being able to open to a box formation for pushing lots of snow without it falling off the plow edge. It will work great in opening up intersections on 65 and plowing the wider main roads.

7. Fall clean up:

- We are starting to finish up the summer work and prep for fall and winter. There is always so much to do before the first snow. We have the fall recycling day coming up yet and our annual leaf collection and sweeping. I'm hoping we can get well into November before our first snow event.

8. Meetings and Community Engagement:

- I attended one council meeting and participated in weekly construction meetings for city hall.
- I was able to attend the yearly AWWA water conference in Duluth in September. It is nice to meet with other peers and find different solutions to the same issues we may have. Thank you for allowing me to attend.