

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 12, 2018
WORK SESSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 201 S. UNION STREET
9:00 A.M.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. All members were in attendance.

Mayor Evans provided the Board with the 2018 budget proposal which had been submitted to the Common Council in 2017. He provided the Board with copies of the 2015, 2016, and 2017 budgets as well as the expenses per line item between 2013 and 2017. He explained the statutory process of budget development and approval.

Dale Seward asked whether the Council would receive a budget for the Water Department at the budget work sessions. Mayor Evans responded they would not. He stated he will try to provide an analysis of normal Water Department expenses to the Council at their August 6 meeting.

Member Bradshaw provided a copy of an article from the AWWA titled *Social Justice and Water Rates; Impacts of Rate Design on Low-Income Customers*. The Board discussed manners in which the rate structure could be amended by ordinance to best reflect fixed and variable costs. The Board discussed what the fixed cost are and can the burden of the tiered structure be shifted away from lower income customers who typically have lower water consumption levels.

The Board discussed the benefits and detriments of budgets for utility departments.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.