

CHIEF ENGINEER, UTILITIES

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

To plan, develop, and manage the Utility Engineering division for city-owned utilities.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Plan and supervise the design, construction, inspection, and repair functions for utility construction activities for sanitary sewers and lift stations, water distribution systems, waterplant natural gas distribution systems, and storm water drainage and detention systems reporting directly to the Public Works & Utilities Director.
2. Supervise all construction, operation and maintenance of the natural gas system.
3. Research and analyze information necessary to utility construction including determining need, specifications, and costs for maintenance and construction projects.
4. Prepare appropriate statistical and narrative reports.
5. Furnish engineering information, data, and requirements for requests from individuals and companies.
6. Conduct feasibility studies related to utility system needs.
7. Coordinate division activities with other City departments and outside agencies and contractors.
8. Update and maintain the Operator Qualification (OQ) list of tasks for specific job titles to maintain compliance with state and federal gas distribution regulations.
9. Approve projects, design, and construction procedures.
10. Develop long-range plans, capital improvement programs, budgets, and related studies.
11. Maintain departmental communications by reporting on activities to the director and others on the management team.
12. Direct the inspection and testing of materials and the quality of work done in all stages of construction or repair, including the final acceptance of, and payment for, work performed by contractors.
13. Update and enforce contract specifications.
14. Perform professional engineering work on construction, replacement, and extension projects.
15. Development of construction cooperative agreements and memorandums of understating which protect city interests.
16. Coordinate and provide project management resources and leadership for large city and developer initiated projects that impact city infrastructure.
17. Meet with developers to determine/review engineering and utility requirements for construction and expansion of public utilities.
18. Serve as a technical resource to other City personnel and operations.
19. Organize and direct the activities of assigned personnel.
20. Determine priorities, assign work, and coordinate schedules to ensure completion of work.
21. Effectively recommend the hire, transfer, discipline, evaluation, promotion or discharge of subordinate personnel.
22. Provide for the training of personnel in correct and safe operating procedures.
23. Effectively recommend adjustments or other actions in employee grievances.
24. Delegate authority and responsibilities to others as needed.
25. Disseminate and interpret instructions provided to employees through bulletins and other communications.
26. Prepare and present oral and written reports, contracts, and data to local, state, and federal regulatory or legislative bodies, as necessary.
27. Develop annual budget including capital improvements.
28. Approve and supervise all division expenditures.
29. Ensure compliance by the division with all applicable standards, policies, rules, laws, agreements, and contracts.
30. Write specifications, recommend capital improvement purchases, and order supplies and

- equipment.
31. Interpret the objectives and services to the community.
 32. Attend and participate in various meetings, conferences, seminars, and hearings as required.
 33. Act on behalf of Public Works & Utilities Director in their absence with approval.
 34. Perform other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills and abilities required.

1. Education & Experience Requirements
 - A. Ten (10) years of verifiable gas, water, wastewater, storm water, or related utility engineering experience with at least four (4) years at a supervisory level.
 - B. Registration as a professional engineer with the ability to become registered in the State of Minnesota within six (6) months from the date of appointment.
 - C. Possession of a valid MN driver's license or privilege by date of appointment and thereafter.
2. Knowledge Requirements
 - A. Knowledge of utility engineering principles and procedures.
 - B. Knowledge of natural gas utility operations.
 - C. Knowledge of water utility operations.
 - D. Knowledge of water resources engineering principles and procedures.
 - E. Knowledge of supervisory practices and procedures.
 - F. Knowledge of capital improvement and operational budgeting and programming methodology.
 - G. Knowledge of applicable state and federal environmental and pipeline safety regulations and standards.
 - H. Knowledge of OSHA and MNOPS regulations.
3. Skill Requirements
 - A. Skill in applying engineering principles and practices to the operation of utilities.
 - B. Skill in managing comprehensive utilities work programs.
 - C. Skill in preparing and presenting written and oral reports to individuals and groups.
 - D. Skill in supervising others in an open and participatory work environment.
4. Ability Requirements
 - A. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with public and private officials, customers, peers, and subordinates.
 - B. Ability to exercise good judgment and accept personal responsibility.
 - C. Ability to transport oneself to and around various work sites.
 - D. Ability to interpret safety rules and apply them to work situations.
 - E. Ability to analyze and evaluate operations and procedures.
 - F. Ability to create and maintain a positive working environment that welcomes diversity, ensures cooperation, and promotes respect by sharing expertise with team members, fostering safe work practices, and developing trusting work relationships.
5. Physical Ability Requirements
 - A. Ability to work independently to complete assignments from minimal information and general instructions
 - B. Ability to sit or stand for extended periods of time.
 - C. Fine dexterity of hands and fingers to operate a computer keyboard, calculator and other office equipment.

- D. Ability to occasionally bend, stoop and reach overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally, to retrieve and store files and supplies, etc.
- E. Ability to transport (usually by lifting and carrying) materials and equipment weighing up to 25 pounds.
- F. Ability to hear and speak sufficiently to exchange information in person and by telephone.
- G. Ability to see to read, prepare, and proofread documents for accuracy.
- H. Ability to transport oneself to, from, and around sites of public meetings, programs, and projects.
- I. Ability to attend work on a regular basis.

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