



Mandan City Commission provides construction updates

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The City of Mandan City Commission provided updates on current construction projects while considering different budgets for the upcoming fiscal year during its meeting on Tuesday, August 4.

City of Mandan Engineer Jarek Wigness provided updates on the different construction projects, including the Memorial Highway and 1st Street.

Wigness said the east half of Memorial Highway construction is nearing completion. The surface improvements walkthrough was completed the week prior to the meeting, and the underground improvements walkthrough was expected to be completed the next day. Final items will be completed in the next few weeks to months.

Then, Wigness updated the progress on the west half of Memorial Highway. He said the two eastbound concrete lanes from Main Street

to the floodwall have been completed. Paving preparation will come after storm sewer installation.

Wigness said although there is traffic control on 3rd Street, the street will remain open. A crane is set up to construct a cofferdam. Sanitary force main crossing will be installed ahead of the storm sewer installation. Jarek said there is a lot of work

going on with 3rd Street, but it should be similar to how it is now.

As the reconstruction for 1st Street continues, Wigness said the three phases were occurring during the week. Phase one was sidewalk and parking lanes construction. Phase two was installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Phase three was concrete removals and storm sewer installation.

The next phase of the project was the street being prepared for gut-

ter, curb and roadway paving. Jarek also stated that the contractor would like to complete phase five of the project and then complete phase four of the project.

Wigness said all the projects are on schedule. More construction updates can be found online at <https://www.cityofmandan.com/projects>.

After reviewing the results for the 2025 audit, the city commission considered the 2027 budgets for the Morton Mandan Public Library and Mandan Airport Authority.

The Morton Mandan Public Library explained what this year has looked like and what they expect in the upcoming year. The library is expected to have salary increases and are updating its website so it will be ADA compliant. Following the presentation, the budget was approved.

Then, the airport provided an update on



its year as it reached the milestone of having 106 based aircraft. After reviewing the construction on the new airport sign, the airport representative explained the upcoming projects for 2027. The projects include a fuel system upgrade and another hangar at the airport. The city commission approved the Mandan Airport Authority preliminary budget for 2027.

Before adjourning, the city commission introduced its preliminary

budget for 2027 and reviewed the details. The preliminary budget for 2027 showed an increase in expenses with health insurance increasing. Then, the general fund showed an increase in the revenue portion of the 2027 preliminary budget. The city commission approved the first consideration and called for a public budget hearing. The public budget hearing is expected to be conducted on September 15.

City Commissioner Ryan Heinsohn encour-

aged citizens who had any questions about the proposed budget to ask questions and provide feedback. He said there is more time for feedback than in previous years because of an extension two years ago with the dates for hearings. He said he welcomed the public's feedback on the budget.

The next city commission is at 5:30 p.m. on August 18.