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Sorenson named City of Minot's first Utilities Director

The City of Minot has restructured the top leadership positions of its largest department.

The Minot City Council has approved leadership changes to the Public Works Department, which previously operated under a Public Works Director and an Assistant Public Works Director. The Council approved changing that format to two equal positions: A Public Works Director and a Utilities Director who will each be responsible for specific groups within the Public Works Department.

Jason Sorenson, who was Assistant Public Works Director, has been elevated to the Utilities Director position. In his new role, Sorenson will be in charge of water, sewer, sanitation, landfill, and the water treatment plant. The Northwest Area Water Supply project is also under Sorenson's supervision.

"I've been seeking a position with more leadership opportunities, and this change elevates me to a department head. I'm looking forward to focusing on the responsibilities of my new position," Sorenson said. "As the Assistant Public Works Director, I handled a lot of the day-to-day things. Now, I'll do the day-to-day things but I'll also be the overall decision-maker for these five departments. I'll have more to do, but with fewer departments."

Sorenson is also now serving as interim Public Works Director, following the retirement of Dan Jonasson. The Public Works Director is in charge of streets, storm sewer, property maintenance, transit, the shop, Rosehill Cemetery, and flood infrastructure construction and maintenance.