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Mayor Sam Kooiker Nominates Public Works Director

Mayor Sam Kooiker nominated Terry Wolterstorff as Public Works Director. The confirmation vote by the City Council is scheduled for September 19, 2011 at the regular City Council meeting. He will begin his duties October 13, 2011 if approved.

Wolterstorff has more than fifteen years experience as a city engineer, serving in that position for both the City of Gillette and the City of Belle Fourche. He earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from South Dakota State University, and served four years as a natural resources engineer for the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Wolterstorff is a Professional Civil Engineer licensed by the South Dakota Board of Technical Professions.

"His leadership experience and technical skills make him a natural fit for the Public Works Director position," Mayor Kooiker said. "He understands the demands of running the city's largest department, and is fully prepared to take on the challenge."

As Public Works Director, Wolterstorff will oversee the department's six divisions and 228 full-time employees. The department provides a variety of services for the city, including safe and reliable drinking water, wastewater treatment, drainage, engineering services, solid waste disposal, public transit, streets maintenance, capital improvements, and transportation systems.

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