



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item C-2

Recognition of Grand Island Wastewater Division Awards at Fall Conference

The Mayor and City Council will recognize the Grand Island Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department for receiving the Nebraska Water Environmental Association (NWEA) Scott Wilber Large Facility Best in Class Award during the 2019 American Public Works Association (APWA), Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA), and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Fall Conference.

The Scott Wilber Award, given by the Nebraska Water Environment Association, recognizes wastewater facilities across Nebraska that provide excellence in operations and maintenance. The Association committee evaluates the operations of facilities in four facility classes, ranging from lagoon systems to large treatment operations. Grand Island has received Outstanding Facility Awards every year since 2015 and the Large Facility Best in Class Award for 2019, with the Best in Class award also being received in 2016. Large facilities are those handling over 5 million gallons of wastewater per day.

The NWEA Safety Award recognizes excellence in accident prevention and promotion of safety in workplace facilities. The Grand Island Wastewater Department is firmly committed to the safety of those working with our facilities. Each group within the department has a weekly safety meeting that focuses on potential safety issues within the department. Quarterly a division wide safety meeting that covers something of common interest to all members of the division is conducted. Recently special meters have been put in use for workers at the plant that monitor gas levels, falls and other potential problems to ensure 24/7 protection of our workers.

NWEA recognizes the efforts made by the City and, for 2019, again awarded the City their Silver Safety Award. This is the fifth year in a row the City has received a safety award from the State and third year

for the Silver Award. In 2015 The City received the Gold Award and in 2018 received the Bronze Award.

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