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NW Quadrant Peripheral Route Update

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- At their meeting on Monday, December 6th, the City Council approved the purchase of land from:
- Grotefendt
- Ottensmeier
- Kleiner Farms
- There is still one more parcel to purchase and a couple of temporary utility easements yet to secure to complete land acquisition for the construction of the Northeast Quadrant

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Winter and Water Lines (not the best of friends)

Due to the dip in temperatures this week the Water and Sewer Division of the Public Works Department has responded to several reports of broken water lines.

Broken lines can also be the problem of the homeowner. The city only maintains the lines up to the water service connection to homes, this means if a break occurs between the connection and your house the homeowner must take the responsibility to have the repair made. The city will also respond to a number of calls of no water as the temperatures dip this winter. Often the reason will be frozen pipes inside residences.

Tips to keep your pipes from freezing.

- Leave cabinet doors under sinks open so warm air circulates around pipes.
- Open cold water tap to allow a trickle to keep water moving
- Close & seal foundation vents near water pipes
- Turn off water to outside faucets then caulk and seal the area

If a water main in your area is broken you may notice lower water pressure or in some cases no water at all until the repair is made. When the pressure drops below a certain level during the time the repairs are being made, it will be necessary for the Supervisor of the department to issue a boil water order. The boil water order will remain in effect until samples taken from the area after the repair has been made have returned with a satisfactory result from the lab. This can take as long as 48 hours. During the duration of the order, any water used for drinking or cooking should be boiled for 5 minutes prior to use.

The W&S Department makes every attempt to notify customers in the area prior to any water being shut off, however this is not always possible. The City's new **Code Red** emergency notification system will allow the Public Works Department to make notifications to residents in the boil order area. For a complete explanation of boil order procedures, please check the Boil Order tab on the Public Works homepage.