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“Norfolk101: Citizens Academy Concludes for the Year”

They’ve seen the City’s water filtration tanks, wandered through the back offices of the City’s IT department and watched a Taser demonstration. They’re the graduates of the Fall 2014 Norfolk101: Citizens Academy and were recognized by Norfolk Mayor Sue Fuchtman for their participation at the City Council meeting Monday night.



Pictured from left: Tom Higginbotham, Greg Jorgensen, Maryjan Fiala, Fred Wielbelhaus, Theresa Lange, Wade Herley, Gretchen Forsell, Holly Quinn, Carl Forsell, Julie Granquist, Corey Granquist

“It’s a great way for people to see behind-the-scenes of the City of Norfolk. There’s a lot that goes into running a city our size and this program allows people to meet the managers and tour the divisions that make it all happen,” said Diane Becker, Communications Director for the City of Norfolk.

The Norfolk101 program began last spring lasting for eight weeks through the months of March and April. This fall the program began on September 16 concluding with graduation at the council meeting Monday.

On each Tuesday night of the program for three hours per night, participants were introduced to at least two divisions of the City including: Administration, The City Administrator and the Mayor; Parks and Streets; Planning and Water; Wastewater and Solid Waste; Housing and Economic Development; Fire and Police; Library and Information Technology; and the City Council.

There were sixteen participants this fall: Gale Bender, Maryjan Fiala, Carl Forsell, Gretchen Forsell, Corey Granquist, Julie Granquist, Wade Herley, Tom Higginbotham, Greg Jorgensen, Theresa Lange, Danelle McKeown, Raymond Morse, Holly Quinn, Fred Wielbelhaus and Russ Wilcox.

The next session of Norfolk101 is planned tentatively beginning September 15, 2015. Anyone who is interested in participating needs to contact Becker at 402-844-2034 or email cityofnorfolk@gmail.com.