

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 3 P.M. M.T.**

**\*\* PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS \*\***

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Dan Cummings, Public Works Committee Chairman.

Committee members present included Mr. Dan Cummings, Mr. Ken Hart, Mr. Bernie Babcock, and Mr. Ron Cornmesser (Mr. Scott Wilson, Mr. Mike Miller and Mr. Riley Hill – excused).

Others present included Suzanne Mulvany, Cliff Leeper, and Dan Shepard.

The press was notified. This meeting was recorded (the tape is available at the Public Works Headquarters); the minutes are on file at City Hall and on the city's website at [www.ontariooregon.org](http://www.ontariooregon.org).

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015**

**RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:**

**The motion was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Cornmesser to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, April 14, 2015: Motion passed unanimously (Wilson, Miller, and Hill – excused).**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**CITY OF ONTARIO UTILITY BILLING POLICY 2014**

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**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- Months ago Ron had sent out a draft to everyone asking for comments.
- Has not received any comments or input from anyone since the last meeting he attended; assuming everyone has had the opportunity. Have asked staff and they have also agreed with it. This really has been aimed at what the existing practices are.
- Would like to see the Committee move forward with this, get it into the hands of the Council to review and comment so they know what is going; Then to put it into place as the Standing Policy with the idea that this is 'Not set in Stone' this is a living document and as policies change this needs to be modified. I propose we send this to the Council for their review and comment, and proceed from there.

**RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:**

**The motion was made by Mr. Cornmesser, seconded by Mr. Babcock that the Public Works Committee put together a packet and submit the Utility Billing Policy to the City Council as written for their review and implementation: Dan Cummings – Yes; Bernie Babcock – Yes; Ken Hart – Yes; Ron Cornmesser – Yes: Motion passed 4-0-3 (Wilson, Miller, and Hill – excused).**

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**SEWER / WATER CONNECTION COST FORMULA (N. REGIONAL LIFT STATION)**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- DC – It is imperative that we stay on this. There is another permit being pulled and we'll need to make a decision.
- KH (*commented later*) – Don't waste a lot of time searching – The cost is just one data point. The other piece of information is what is a comparable cost i.e. Vale, Weiser or Fruitland? Show what it cost us originally and a few comparables.

SEPTAGE RECEIVING STATION

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GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Nothing until we get the Manhole rehab fixed – Safety issue at this point
  - **UPDATE on Manholes:**
    - Contractor came in significantly higher – asked to go back & see if there were any cost saving measures he could come up with?
    - In the mean time we plugged off that sewer line, diverted the flow into one of the ponds out at the wastewater plant and pumped that whole system down. Then went in physically and examined all of the six manholes that were impacted by this process.
    - That whole manhole will have to be taken care of and addressed. It is badly degraded and has acid etching on the concrete where it is almost eaten away and the aggregate is exposed.
    - The concrete in the other 5 manholes are pretty good with not a whole lot of degradation. Meaning we don't have to replace the whole unit, we can replace the rings, and spray with epoxy lining.
    - All the parts are on order and now just waiting for them to be here.
    - Anticipate moving forward with this project in the middle of next month.

UPDATES ONLY – NO MOTIONS

- CIP Project (WTP) – Chemical feed system, Based on the MSA Audit
- Filter Media Change Out (WTP Old Treatment Plant) – Seeing a lot of calcium carbonate build up in those filters and we are adding Volume to those filters. What it does is it reduces the amount of time we can run a filter without it getting a significant delta on it. Then we have to stop and backwash and that causes all kinds of problems.
- The Old Plant is used primarily for surface water (river); the new plant (Wes-Tech) is used for well water. Want to be able to blend the well water with the surface water to have savings chemically and labor savings, etc. It is all spelled out in the report from MSA.
- What were the final Security issues at WTP – Contractors are there now & all fencing should be done in about a month. Then we'll look at security cameras.
- Vandalism at Beck Park – Taking the irrigation pipes and wrapping them around trees.

**Reminder that our next meeting is: Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 3:00pm**

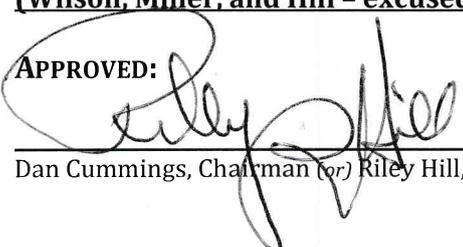
COMMENTS – NO MOTIONS

- Dan Cummings announced that this is possibly his last meeting as Public Works Chairman. He may be accepting a position that is a conflict of interest. He will let us know before the next meeting.

ADJOURN

**The motion was made by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Babcock to Adjourn: Motion passed unanimously (Wilson, Miller, and Hill – excused).**

APPROVED:

  
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Dan Cummings, Chairman (or) Riley Hill, Vice-Chairman