

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 3 P.M. M.T.

**** PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS ****

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Bernie Babcock, Public Works Committee Secretary.

Committee members present included Mr. Scott Wilson, Mr. Bernie Babcock, Mr. Ron Cornmesser and Mr. Pat Woodcock (Mr. Mike Miller-excused; Mr. Ken Hart and Mr. Riley Hill-absent).

Others present included Suzanne Mulvany, Cliff Leeper, Betsy Roberts, and Jerry Elliott.

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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – JULY 14, 2015

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

The motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Woodcock to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, July 14, 2015: Motion passed unanimously (Miller/excused; Hart & Hill/absent).

UPDATES ONLY – NO MOTIONS

CLIFF & BETSY

- **Wastewater Collection System Improvements:** Cascade Pipeline Corporation, Meridian, ID (*handout*) – The front page of the handout shows exactly what will be happening; it is a combination of pipe bursting and actual excavation. These are collection systems that have historically been problem “hotspots” where staff have had to go out on a regular basis and flush so they don’t cause any issues; in most cases these are results from elevations not being correct. (This project is a CIP, in the existing budget, and has been approved).
- **Children’s Relief Nursery:** SE 6th Street & SE. 9th Ave. – When we came aboard it was understood that there had been some discussion that city forces were to construct a chunk of waterline and we (CH) could connect the end piece, however, the players needed funding so it went away. Now they’ve come back, they’re ready, because they found some grant funding.
 - \$20,000 cost to CH2M.
 - The Council agreed not fair without really being prepared
 - Therefore agreed to allow service off of the existing line.
 - Use SDC funds?
 - Combine pieces of property & make one large lot.
- **STIP: Proposed Sidewalk Improvements: SE 5th Street to East Lane** – (*handout*) ODOT Enhancement Projects and is funding available for sidewalk projects; what became clear in talking with Sean Maloney, from ODOT was what he felt very strongly about was that this would be the most successful project to receive grant funding. This project could be split into parts, so when the reviewers look at it they could go forward with the north sidewalk only or the south sidewalk only.
- **Eastside Tank Design Status & Construction Schedule:** Leaking since 2012 - Plan is to take it out of service this year and make some repairs to it; during some testing we also discovered a 16 inch valve that we were not aware of that needs to be replaced. This will require a whole series of coordination issues. The problem we are having at this point in time is access to the tank. The structure of the tank is OK, it’s the lining that needs to be replaced. (This is also a CIP project and went through the budget process last spring).
- **Award of Excellence:** The City of Ontario received the **League of Oregon Cities Award of Excellence** out of 261 Cities.

PHEASANTS FOREVER
MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

JERRY E.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: (HANDOUT)

This is a memo of understanding between ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife), the City of Ontario, and Pheasants Forever. You may recall we've had a long understanding agreement with the Fish & Wildlife; they actually approached us just before CH2M came on board, and what they would like to do is extend the area to go up to skyline.

- Fish & Game approached us with this memorandum & would like to expand the area from the WWTP fields up to Skyline.
- We negotiated with a contract farmer so the way we will get access is we will install a postal that is "cow unfriendly" and "pedestrian friendly"; we will also put up signs.
- We want to specifically exclude shooting over the pond for safety reasons. The ponds would be the same as the WWTP pond safe zone areas.
- What we would like from the Public Works committee is a recommendation to the Council to endorse or sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

The motion was made by Mr. Cornmesser seconded by Mr. Wilson the Public Works Committee recommend the City Council endorse or sign the Memorandum of Understanding, ODFW MOU Agreement #315-5: Mr. Scott Wilson – Yes; Mr. Bernie Babcock – Yes; Mr. Ron Cornmesser – Yes; Mr. Pat Woodcock – Yes; Motion Passed 4-0-3 (Miller/excused; Hart & Hill/absent).

REVIEW OF SEPTAGE RECEIVING

JERRY E.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: (HANDOUT)

- The Septage Receiving system has been around for a long time.
- The first table is averages from a 1994 study that was done by the EPA (no in-house sampling of any loads or any local hauling have been done).
- There is considerable variation in the nature of septic material delivered to wastewater treatment plants.
- How much septage could the Ontario WWTP managed?
- You have to be careful of how much you add and how fast you had. If you receive over 2,000 gallons every day would add the BOD load equivalent of 703 people and for TSS, this increased load would be equal to an added population of 1,322. We have a fair amount of capacity but again we have to be careful about putting big slug loads in there.
- How much do other people charge?
- Have not actually verified the Boise number and Baker city actually charges \$.19. Emmett, ID-\$.04 (only accept local waste), Nampa, ID- \$.135 (plus \$13 licensee full load only), Farmington, NM-\$.0425, Lewiston, ID-\$.14, Mountain Home, ID-\$.049 (plus \$20 for after hours), Payette County landfill-\$.126 (based upon \$30/ton rate).
- Risks are you never know what you're getting.
- Define what your geographical areas, local community?
- How much should Ontario charge for septage receiving system? Annual permit fee-\$100 paid to the City, Load charge-\$30 Labor costs per load, Volume charge-\$.08/gallon.
- Given these recommendations the typical thousand gallon load would cost \$190 and the hauler would pay an annual \$100 license fee. High permitting fees are not unreasonable.
- Do you want to see another review before this goes to Council, or do you want us to blend Ron's hard work that he did last spring plus these findings & put it out to this committee and Council at the same time, or just email it and get feedback?
- Scott W. - would be okay if we didn't have a meeting. He would defer to Ron on the agreement because he has more expertise in this area; Bernie B. agreed.

- Ron C. - would say to find out how much they want to do and how soon they want to do it, and then prepare a package. Prepare a sample permit so it can be tailored to each person or business that comes into play, include a rate structure, etc.
- We need to make sure the facility is ready. Are we ready to receive waste, is there a cleaning facility for them, etc.

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

Recommendation is for staff to e-mail information on the Septage Receiving to the committee for review.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Mr. Cornmesser seconded by Mr. Woodcock to Adjourn: Motion passed unanimously (Miller/excused; Hart & Hill/absent).

APPROVED:



Riley Hill, Vice-Chairman

2-9-16