

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m. MT

**** Public Works Headquarters ****

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Bernie Babcock, Public Works Committee Chairman.

Committee members present included Mr. Bernie Babcock, Mr. Scott Wilson, and Mr. Jackson Fox (Woodcock & Tuttle – excused).

Others present included Betsy Roberts, Adam Brown, and Casey Mordhorst.

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

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

The motion was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt the previous meeting minutes dated May 14, 2019: Motion passed unanimously.

SRCI COSTS

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

BR- In the process with the SRCI looking through the two agreements, the water side and the wastewater agreements. Trying to look at what are the capital projects associated specifically with the waste water side or the water side that are theirs. New agreement considers integrating extra costs with base rate. Capital impact is larger therefore a suggested average monthly capital cost estimate over x number of months. Normal bill to be paid and a capital assessment over period to also be paid.

- Restricted funds set aside just for SRCI?

BR- They would pay their normal base rate and then anything else that happens beyond their normal rate area would be where the reserved funds would come in and pulled just for that.

- Does their normal rate take care of the dredging the sewer ponds when they need dredged and what percentage is that SRCI in gallons used compared to the rest of the town, excluding Or-Ida or Heinz?

BR- Waste water treatment side, about 17% of the flow and yes, their base rate would pay for everything just like everyone else.

- Have they been paying the normal rate?

BR- They have paid for normal rate, just like a rate payer, plus the SIR charge.

BR- Do they pay as an out of city rate or do they pay as the capital assessment rate plus and in city rate.

- If they are charged and out of city rate, are those separate accounts?

AB- Separate.

- Has to be a separate account because it has to be transparent. They will want to know what they pay for and that it is accounted for. Not only that, but those funds have to be restricted.

- Making sure it is very clearly defined what that capital money can be spent on.

- The funds have to be used at the city's discretion.

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

The motion was made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Wilson that the Public Works Committee recommends to the City Council to assess SRCI the normal In-City water and wastewater rates in addition to a capital, maintenance, and replacement charge for systems outside the city limits amortized using the capital asset estimate developed by the City of Ontario: Mr. Bernie Babcock – Yes; Mr. Scott Wilson – Yes; Mr. Jackson Fox – Yes: Motion Passed 3-0-2 (Woodcock, Tuttle-excused).

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox to Adjourn: Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Signature

8-13-19

Date

(Bernie Babcock, Chairman / Scott Wilson, Vice-Chairman)