



Public Works Committee

Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Notice of Meeting

320 N Main St. Falls City, OR 97344

Committee Members

Mike McConnell - Tony Meier - Jeff Propp - Gordon Hanson - Guy Mack - Cliff Lauder - Tracy young

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda
4. Consent Agenda - Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items
 - a. 2024.04.18 Minutes

Attachments:

- **Minutes** (UAB04-18-24.pdf)

5. Public Comments
6. New Business
 - a. Infrastructure Updates

Attachments:

- **Report** (2024.5.16_SR_Committee_Update.pdf)

7. Old Business
8. Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports
9. Committee Announcements
10. Adjourn

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City of Falls City
Public Works Committee Meeting
Thursday April 28, 2024 6:00PM
Meeting Location: 320 N. Main Street

Committee Members Present

Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

1) Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM, took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McConnell led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda

Member Young moved and Chair McConnell seconded: **that we approve the entire agenda.** Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Mack moved and member Young seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Item, PWC Minutes February 22, 2024.** Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comment - None

6) New Business

a. Backflow Testing Update - Reinstatement of Backflow Device Fee

PWC had a very lively and free wheeling discussion ranging from why we have them? Do we really need them? Does the State enforce the testing requirement? Can we just remove residential devices (except for those properties with irrigation systems or other uses that could cause cross contamination) and keep Commercial backflow devices? PWC suggests that City Council and City Staff explore all options available and in the interim either reinstate the old backflow fee resolution or as member Gordon moved and member Meier seconded that the **PWC recommends that residents give the 'right of way (ownership) to the property' where the backflow devices are located to the City of Falls City for the testing and maintenance of said devices.** Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Gordon Hanson, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack. This would allow the City to continue collecting the backflow testing fee, possibly enacting a maintenance fee and the responsibility for their functioning. All PWC members agreed the best and simplest solution would be removal of said devices.

Resolution 12-2017 (BFR_-_Resolution_12_2017_Water_Sewer_Fees_Rates) **FYI**

Resolution 09-2023 (BFR_-_Resolution_09-2023_Water_Sewer_Fees_Rates) **FYI**

7) Old Business - None

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Chair McConnell requested that the City update the Committee at our next meeting on the status of:

- 1. The Lagoon Sewer Project.**
- 2. Frink driveway excess water runoff situation/solution.**

9) Committee Announcements

Next meeting to be held May 16, 2024 at 6:00pm.

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and Chair McConnell seconded: **that we adjourn**. Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member

STAFF REPORT

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT
DATE: MAY 16, 2024

UPDATE

Wastewater Treatment Facility project:

- Construction & Paving on Fair Oaks & Ellis sewer line is complete
- The Fair Oaks pump is decommissioned (final Electrical work on the panel is TBD)
- Compliance Manhole cement work at the lagoon site is complete
- The Chemical Shed concrete work is ongoing (pad and foundations are poured)
- Fence for Fischer property is scheduled for installation in the next 2 weeks
- Pump Station excavation at the high school scheduled for the end of May
- Sewer line work on N. Main Street (directional pipe drilling), scheduled for June

Frink Driveway Excess Water Runoff Solution:

- At present, there is no plan to work on this UNTIL the N. Main Street portion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility project is complete (no sense even adding good gravel if it going to get torn up anyway this summer)
- Drilling for the directional pipe is on that side of the street, so we will make sure that additional drainage is included in the road edge repair