



Public Works Committee

Thursday, August 25, 2022 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 you

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. July 28, 2022 Minutes

Attachments:

- **Minutes** (2022.07.28_Minutes.pdf)

5. Public Comments
6. New Business
 - a. Mayor Discussion
7. Old Business
 - a. Action Items from Minutes

Attachments:

- **Action Items** (Questions___Answers.pdf)

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

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Thursday July 28, 2022 6:00PM
Meeting Location: 320 N. Main Street

Committee Members Present

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

1) Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Meier moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we adopt the entire Agenda.** Motion carried 6-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Tony Meier, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Young moved and member Meier seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Item, PWC Minutes June 23, 2022** Motion carried 5-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young, Tony Meier, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comment - None

6) New Business

A. Septic Issues - 281 N. Main / 285 N. Main

Mr. Ramil Meza and Mr. and Mrs. Darrin Fleener share a common tank. Mr. Meza related that soon after purchasing his property approximately 25 years ago he began experiencing trouble with a blocked pipe causing effluent to back up into house causing damage. Mr. Meza had the pipe unplugged, at his expense, and two months later the pipe was plugged again. Mr. Meza talked with the City Manager at that time and was told the problem was probably on the homeowners side of tank and his responsibility. Mr. Meza had line unplugged professionally again (Roto Router) but the blockage returned after two to three months. The problem continued for years, having to be unplugged every couple of months. Mr. Meza talked with Public Works Supervisor at that time, Don Poe, but no action was taken. Mr. Meza then began to clear his line himself and in the process broke and elbow in the line which he had to have replaced, incurring even more expense and has had to continue checking and clearing the pipe. During this time, Mr. Meza has incurred great expense in time and money repairing damage caused to his home due to the blocked pipe.

Mr. Meza, Mr. Fleener and City Manager AJ Foscoli had a three way discussion of the situation. Mr. Meza again had a professional service, A&B Pumping pump the tank completely and that their conclusion was that the problem was on the City's side, i.e. the pipe from Mr. Meza home was "to near the wall" to allow proper flow. Photos were taken and A&B pumping is providing a report for homeowners and City as to the failure of pipe to function properly. Mr. Fleener expressed his opinion that this was most likely caused by either inferior design or improper construction at the time of initial tank placement. Mr. Fleener also expressed concern that City manager, Foscoli, who was to witness the pumping and did not show up or notify homeowners that he could not make it. Both homeowners are tired of the City not responding to this concern and ask for relief of the continuing burden and expense of this unsanitary problem. It is estimated that Mr. Meza has spent thousands of dollars trying to fix this problem and to repair damage caused by it.

PWC thanked Mr. Meza and Mr. and Mrs. Fleener for their attendance and information. Member Young moved and member Hanson seconded that: **The Public Works Committee recommends that the City Council/Staff immediately review and investigate the information provided by Mr. Meza and Mr. and Mrs. Fleener, personally and by A&B Pumping, concerning the continuing issue of the pipe blockage at 285 N. Main St. and reach a conclusion and solution to this on going problem.**

Motion carried 7-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson, Tracy Young, Guy Mack.

7) Old Business - Previous Action Items

PWC requests that previous Action Items be addressed and answers provided::

- 1. PWC requested to know if the Water Meter Replacement Program has been implemented and if so, how many meters have been replaced in 2020 and 2021.**
- 2. PWC requested a large laminated City Map for the Community Center.**
- 3. When was the last 'Cost Estimate' for Lagoons done?**
- 4. What are the presumptive Start and Finish dates of Phase 1 of Lagoons?**
- 5. What do the green and red lines indicate on Figure 2-2 Falls City Wastewater System Map?**

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Report

Member Lauder informed PWC that he knows of a water meter (property not identified) that doesn't work (meter doesn't record units used) and that the property owner is using substantial amounts of water without having to pay for usage and that the City hasn't responded to the situation.

Member Young informed PWC that the Leach Field at the FCHS football field is failing and that effluent now covers half of the field. There will be no playing on the field until the problem is remedied. City has been informed and is aware of the situation but no action has been taken to date.

9) Committee Announcements

Next meeting to be held **Thursday August 25, 2022** at 6:00 pm, at the Community Center.

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and member Propp seconded: **that we adjourn**. Motion carried 7-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young, Gordon Hanson, Jeff Propp Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 6:38.

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member

Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. When was the last Cost Estimate done?
January 2022 - \$5.7 million
2. What are the presumptive Start and Finish dates of Phase 1?
Summer 2023 – if we can acquire CDBG funding in September 2022
3. What do the green and red lines indicate on Figure 2-2 Falls City Wastewater System Map?
Green Lines are Sewer – Red Lines are Power

Meter Replacement

1. PWC requested to know if the Water Meter Replacement Program has been implemented and if so, how many meters have been replaced in 2020 and 2021.
Waiting on acceptance of a grant application for \$200,000 to buy meters
2. PWC requested a large laminated City Map for the Community Center.
It will be provided at the meeting

Updates

3. Football Field
We have shut off Fields B2 and B4 which has moved the effluent out to the other fields allowing the field to dry up and be used.
4. Fleener/Meza Septic Tank
A&B Septic Service drained Mr. Meza's tank and identified the problem leading to his back-ups. Since the inflow pipe was oriented incorrectly when it was originally installed, it needs to be adjusted to avoid future back-ups. We're now waiting on invoice to the city from A&B Septic to then schedule that adjustment. Will contact them again (3rd time now) to get that moving further.
5. 171 Dayton Sewer Issue
I fixed the broken sewer cap and I am unaware of other issues.