



Public Works Committee

Thursday, June 23, 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. April 28, 2022 Minutes

Attachments:

- Minutes (UAB04-28-22_Minutes.doc)

5. Public Comments
6. New Business
 - a. WasteWater Treatment Plant

Attachments:

- Report (2022.06.23_SR_Wastewater_Treatment_Facility_Project.docx)

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

Committee Members Present

Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young, Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.
Public Works Supervisor, Jon Creekmore.

1) Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Young seconded: **that we adopt the entire Agenda.**
Motion carried 7-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Tony Meier, Jeff Propp,
Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Meier moved and member Young seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Item, PWC Minutes March 24, 2021.** Motion carried 4-0-0 Ayes. Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young,
Tony Meier, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comment - None

6) New Business

A. New Zoning Code Amendments

Major concern for PWC if the new zoning code amendments are adopted is whether the City has the necessary Sewer/Water infrastructure to provide for additional structures. Public Works Supervisor, Jon Creekmore informed the committee that our current STEP Sewer System is at its' maximum capacity, no additional hookups allowed. He also informed PWC that when the first stage of the lagoons are completed the City will be allowed approximately 30 additional hookups.

PWC understands that if the new zoning amendments are adopted, that Polk County could permit 'cottage clusters' on properties located on the south side of the City but has concerns about adequate law and code enforcement necessary to protect the public and environmental safety of residents and the potential reallocation of funding from our Water Master Plan which includes replacing and upgrading pipelines to current City residents. PWC is aware of the fiscal restraints the City has in implementing adequate Law/Code enforcement and that the addition of 'cottage clusters' could exacerbate this situation. PWC also felt that current residents' water improvements should be addressed before allowing big additional infill, especially , 'cottage clusters'.

B. DEQ Policy on Shared Septic Tanks

PWS, Jon Creekmore, informed the committee that Oregon DEQ does not allow shared septic tanks on STEP Sewer Systems. This being the case, 'cottage clusters' would not be allowed if they shared a common septic tank and were located on the STEP Sewer System.

C. Shared Septic Tanks for Cottage Clusters

No additional information provided in packet concerning shared septic tanks for 'cottage clusters' but if Oregon DEQ doesn't allow shared tanks on a STEP Sewer System, these would not be currently allowed.

7) Old Business - None

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Report

Action Item - 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.

9) Committee Announcements

Next meeting to be held **Thursday May 26, 2022** at 6:00 pm, at the Community Center.

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and member Hanson seconded: **we adjourn**. Motion carried 7-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Tracy Young, Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack Meeting adjourned at 6:58.

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member

STAFF REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT
DATE: JUNE 23, 2022

SUMMARY

The Wastewater Treatment Facility Project has been ongoing since it was proposed and submitted to Business Oregon in 2017. In these past 5 years, the project has gone from the proposal stage, to design funding stage and it is now in the construction funding stage.

BACKGROUND

The City Manager has been attending regular meetings with a multi-organizational team putting together the ultimate application for financing through USDA-RD. This team is made up of representatives from Business Oregon, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG), Oregon DEQ, USDA-RD, National Marine Fisheries Service as well as Westech (city contracted engineering firm). The bulk of the work in the past 18 months has been to generate a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) which includes the main design of the new facility. This document was finalized early in 2022 by our city engineer, so the focus now has shifted to the various federal administrative components for funding eligibility, which include biological, environmental, cultural assessments to deem the project properties eligible by federal standards to receive funding. We are currently still going through the process for the 401 Water Quality Certification to DEQ. As this process involves cross-jurisdictional determinations, DEQ is confirming with the Department of State lands around potential mitigation requirements. Once this is complete, we will have navigated one of the biggest hurdles in this project. We are also simultaneously undergoing review by the National Marine Fisheries Service for a biological assessment and are anticipating issuance of a determination by July 8th. From a land-use perspective, the Land Use Compatibility Statement from DEQ has been issued to determine whether that the DEQ permit will be consistent with local government comprehensive plans and land use regulations. In addition, the MWVCOG has liaised with Polk County for a property line adjustment for the lagoon site.

From a funding perspective, in addition to the CDBG funds and USDA-RD funds for the project, the City Manager is continuing to engage the Polk County Board of Commissioners regarding the city's formal request for ARPA funding assistance for the wastewater treatment facility project. The proposal to the county has been for a contribution of between \$500,000-750,000, which would help to keep the rate increases to the residents to a manageable level (roughly \$10 over the next 5 years) The city has also received \$2.5 million in infrastructure funding support, earmarked thanks to our State Representative Anna Scharf. As the project is now slated to be \$5.7 million, at this time the city may only have to finance \$1 million, and that is without any contribution from Polk County.