



CITY OF YACHATS
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION
SUMMARY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Yachats Public Works & Streets Commission was called to order by Chair Linn West at 2:00 pm in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Alex Cox, Bob Bennett, James Welch, Kevin Erdahl, Don Phipps, and Don Groth. Staff: City Manager Bobbi Price, Recorder Kimmie Jackson.
Attendance: 12

I. Announcements–Correspondence

II. Citizens’ Concerns

III. Reports

- a. The Fire Department will not require commission members to attend their board meetings.
- b. Emergency Preparedness - Updates will be provided quarterly by the commission; changes in emergency management were discussed, including allowing individuals to set up camps and stay at the fire station after picking up their packs; a grant has been received for cooking equipment, enabling the preparation of meals for those affected by emergencies; testing for the Nomad water purifier is scheduled for April and members of emergency preparedness will be invited to learn how to operate it effectively; and highlighted the need for additional funding to support emergency shelter services, including stocking Conex containers and replacing necessary items.
- c. Financial Report - Commissioner Groth had no significant updates. Commissioner Bennett commented on the recent State of the City address, noting positive feedback on the budget discussion, which helped clarify the city's revenue sources, particularly road tax, and the importance of collaboration and ongoing efforts to improve emergency preparedness and budget transparency.
- d. Public Works reports are attached to the online packet
- e. Finance Committee

IV. Current Business

- a. Million-gallon water tank replacement process—The discussion about the million-gallon water tank focused on its importance for enhancing the city's water supply and storage. Participants noted it would improve reliability during peak



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demand and emergencies. Concerns included construction and maintenance costs and possible impacts on water rates. The tank is expected to boost water pressure and service delivery for existing and future developments. Overall, the meeting emphasized the tank's role in addressing water needs while balancing financial considerations, with further community input encouraged before proceeding.

V. New Business

- a. Wastewater CIP 2025-26 - The discussion on the wastewater Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) focused on necessary upgrades and maintenance for the treatment system. Key points included urgent projects for improving infrastructure and meeting regulatory compliance. Financial implications and funding sources were reviewed, emphasizing prioritizing projects based on urgency and long-term sustainability. Overall, there was agreement on moving forward with the CIP to ensure effective wastewater system operation, with further assessments and stakeholder engagement planned.
- b. Streets - The discussion highlighted the need for repairs and upgrades to improve safety and traffic flow. Participants raised concerns about funding and stressed prioritizing projects based on urgency. There was agreement on developing a comprehensive plan for street maintenance and improvements, with plans for further evaluations and community input before moving forward.

The fourth motion is to have the city manager instruct the city manager to evaluate the current situation, propose actionable solutions, ensure financial feasibility for residents, and facilitate communication between the city and its citizens to improve overall sewer infrastructure. All are in favor.

This feedback loop would ensure that the Council remains informed and can make decisions based on the latest data.

Adjourned at 3:37 pm

Kimmie Jackson Recorder