



**CITY OF YACHATS
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION**

**MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498
Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

- I. Public Works & Streets Commission Meeting 2:00 pm**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Roll Call**

Committee Members	P/A
Linn West, Chair	P
Don Groth, Vice Chair	P
Alex Cox	p
Bob Bennett	P
James Welch	P
Kevin Erdahl	P
Don Phipps	P

Staff Members	
Bobbi Price, City Manager	Kimmie Jackson, Recorder
Rick McClung, Water Lead	Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead

Audience
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- IV. Announcements / Correspondence**
 - a. None
- V. Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit)**
 - a. None
- VI. Reports**
 - a. Meeting Summary ([Link](#))
 - b. Fire Dept Report - (Linn) None
 - c. [Emergency Preparedness Committee Report](#) (Linn): It was reported that the Conex storage area has been reorganized, resulting in more space and better visibility of supplies. A re-inventory is needed now that items

are more accessible; reorganized first aid and medical supplies into five boxes for emergencies, noting an imbalance of medical supplies between the conex and Crestview and also saw a demonstration a new device designed by students, which drops a key from a secured location during an earthquake, allowing access to the conex without needing a traditional key; Emergency preparedness will be collaborating with the Red Cross at the end of the month to discuss setting up the Commons as an emergency shelter.

- d. Public Works Report [Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead](#), highlighted that the public works crew worked on several projects, conducting storm drainage maintenance, installing three fire hydrants, fixed two non-functional hydrants, and performed valve cam maintenance to improve access, and identified and repaired multiple water leaks, contributing to efforts to reduce the current water loss of 22%.

[Rick McClung, Water Lead](#), reported that East 2nd Street bids totaled \$407,000 with six competitive submissions. The waterline cost increased by \$100,000, while pavement and storm drain costs dropped to \$60,000 from over \$200,000.

Regarding Reedy Creek, the engineering team identified challenges with the old line's curves, which could result in potential costs of approximately \$400,000, rather than the \$300,000 budgeted. The urgency of the water project requires consideration for off-season work, affecting water supply from Salmon Creek and South Lincoln during the summer.

- e. PW Finance Report - (Don G) No report, will cover May's report next month.
 - 2. Finance Committee Report (Julie) None

VII. Current Business

- a. [Transportation Plan Grant/ODOT Meetings](#) - Rick McClung begins by reflecting on his recent collaboration with Don Phipps to create a response letter concerning traffic safety issues.

According to their data, the traffic conditions met current safety standards. Member Phipps believes it was essential to proceed with a public hearing to voice their concerns and explore possible

improvements, such as installing a sidewalk on Diversity Lane, which would significantly enhance pedestrian safety.

ODOT was contacted regarding the installation of a portable speed sign, and learned that as long as the sign does not obstruct sidewalks or bike lanes, it can be placed in various locations throughout the area. The only restriction comes with permanent signage, which is more cumbersome to implement.

[Chair Linn West](#) expressed a need for the commission to have a clear focus and suggested reviewing the City Council's Goals for potential projects, highlighting the importance of focusing on ODOT funding and local street maintenance; suggested prioritizing street improvements and developing smaller community projects for engagement; and will be addressing the \$10 fee in July with an implementation and communication plan.

Adjourn City Council Meeting 3:20 pm

Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, City Recorder