



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

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

**City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

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

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

<b>Staff Members</b>	
Bobbi Price, City Manager	Kimmie Jackson, Recorder
	Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead

<b>Audience</b>
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**IV. Announcements / Correspondence**

- a. None

**V. Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit)**

- a. None

**VI. Reports**

- a. Fire Dept Report - (Linn) None
- b. Emergency Preparedness Committee Report - There will ben an Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Waldport on the 23rd. The event will feature various products and information, similar to last year's event.  
  
The committee has decided not to hold the fair this year but plans one for mid-September next year; Chair West discusses the city's emergency preparedness document, which is currently under review

and contains valuable information on risk levels for various disasters. Additionally, Sea Aire is joining the emergency preparedness group to provide resources, such as wheelchairs and walkers, during evacuation drills for their less mobile residents.

- c. Public Works Report - Dave Buckwald provided updates on current operations and projects. Routine street maintenance and stormwater system inspections are ongoing, and coordination continues with contractors on scheduled improvements. Progress was made on wastewater treatment plant upgrades and on schedule; reviewed upcoming priorities, including pavement repairs, drainage improvements, and pedestrian safety measures.
- d. PW Finance Report - (Don G) Member Groth reviewed current financials for public works projects. Spending is tracking within budgeted amounts; no significant overruns were identified, will continue monitoring capital project expenses and noted that upcoming infrastructure priorities will require careful long-term financial planning.

## **VII. Current Business**

- a. Commissioner Project Reports - Erdahl has not started the street review, but plans to begin walking the streets soon; Cox will evaluate the Code; Welch would like to work on the Street Lights Audit, will need to schedule a meeting with City Manager to move forward. Phipps working with Speed Management Workgroup and reported they are engaging with other cities to learn best practices for speed enforcement and radar cameras; West will be taking on Septic systems, nothing to report at this time.
- b. The operation of the Gimlet gates was discussed. They are rarely closed; it may be more practical to remove them or only close them during the winter months. Safety concerns were noted, particularly regarding icy conditions and access for emergency vehicles.

Chair West emphasized the importance of coordination between Planning and Public Works for reviewing projects to ensure compliance with city codes.

Adjourn Meeting 3:16 pm

Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder