

**CITY OF YACHATS
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION
Civic Meeting Room, Yachats Commons
May 10, 2016
3:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Chair Bob Bennett called the regular meeting of the Public Works and Streets Commission to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Bob Bennett, Walt Weyand, Don Groth, Larry Nixon, Rick Hayes and Doug Johnson.

I. Minutes – April 12, 2016

II. Business

Motion to adopt the Minutes of April 12, 2016 - Aye – 6, No – 0

A. Clean Sweep

Walt made a motion to propose changing the clean sweep date to be held on July 14, 15, 16 & 17th. Kimmie Jackson will coordinate with Dahl on the number of dumpster and bens needed.

B. Utility

City council asked PWS to come up with some options on how and what to charge for industrial strength wastewater.

Buckwald stated that the City should go with the water flow since there are no way to measure. Buckwald sent out information earlier in the year to Public Works & Streets regarding sample rates. The restaurants that contribute excessive grease should pay the higher rates due to the grease issue. The utility crew spent 14 man hours cleaning out the main pump station (7 hrs two workers) and they only removed half of the grease. South of town also has a grease issue and the vacation rentals are also contributing to the grease issue.

One set of options could be: When the City receives notification of a change of what a customer is doing and it will change the concentration or the amount of discharge into the waste water system, the City would work with them to come up with a plan to evaluate such discharge. A mutual agreement of the charges would be made after the evaluation the business; then there would be a change in the billing system to accommodate the charges. The same set of criteria for everyone is the goal.

The City needs to identify problem areas, set criteria and have something to forward to council. Another option would be the City contract with a company to clean all the grease traps to make sure this is being done, and charge the customer. We are not charging customers to remove grease that plugs the sewerline at this point.

Bennett wants to table this issue for the next meeting, to include a draft procedure on how to approach the grease and increase in non-grease solids.

III. Reports

A. Civil West Engineering

Matthew Wadington, Project Manager for the South Tank Project brought Andrea from the Newport Office and is helping on the project.

See attached document and updated information on the reservoir:

- The pump station can pump, and won't have a problem pumping 300 gallons per minute up to the new tank at any level.
- The issue of the primary 1 million tank fluctuates; the solution is to put a check valve by the bridge that would keep the water on the south side of town.
- The issue of the earthquake valve – flow meter in pump station to monitor flows; if going backwards it sends signal to close valve, and low pressure will not have to manually go out there to open if there is a fire. It will be hooked up the SKADA.
- The location of the pump station will remain in the same place only the check valve is being moved.

McClung believe the check valve issue is still a problem. He needs to be able to take it off line to clean, and run off the south reservoir. There is an alternate property to consider at this point and feels the changes are getting too complicated.

Nixon said the easement has a 20 foot access on his parcel for the City and that's what the County has on record. The two neighbors are concerned about losing that access.

Hayes stated that McClung has merit to want to consider a new property location and possible savings for the project. He will need a new geo tech for the proposed location. This could potentially eliminate the need for the booster station and is also not in favor of the current property location.

Nixon has abstained from the commission since he is the owner of said properties.

Wayand wants the survey done the site before they go any further considering purchasing the new site.

The commission recommends a motion to city council to evaluate the current south tank project.

Motion - Due to current operational challenges the commission recommends to the City Council to evaluate an alternate site.

Aye - 4 NO -0 Abstain – 1 - Nixon

B. Public Works Department – Attached, in writing.

1 **C. Financial Data for Water and Sewer Funds – Attached**

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3 **D. Water Data – Attached**

4 Bennett is considering not continuing the report, as the billing system is not providing
5 the correct information without manipulating the data. Water consumption is
6 increasing due to usage.

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8 McClung stated the leak detection company discovered that we are losing 25 gallons
9 a minute, and it adds up to 2 million gallons per month.

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11 McClung asked to have Bennett forward a copy of the Master sheet of water data to
12 review.

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14 **D. Solid Waste District Advisory Council –** No report. Nixon left meeting to take Civil
15 West up to the new proposed property and Civil West will give a new proposal at no
16 cost.

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18 **IV. Other Business**

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20 **A. From the Commission –** None

21 **B. From the Staff –** None

22 **C. From the Floor –** None.

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25 There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10
26 p.m.

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32 Bob Bennett, Chair

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37 Kimmie Jackson, Deputy City Recorder