

City of Yachats
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION
July 11, 2017
Minutes

John Moore called the July 11, 2017 regular meeting of the Public Works and Streets Commission to order at 3:05 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Doug Johnson, Don Groth, John Moore, Rick Haynes, Marc Courtenay, Tom Bedell. Excused: Larry Nixon. Staff present: Water Plant Lead Rick McClung, Wastewater Plant Lead Dave Buckwald. Audience: 0.

I. Minutes

Commissioners had not received copies of the May 9, 2017 minutes. Hard copies were distributed, and Moore indicated the vote would be taken later in the meeting.

II. Reports

A. South Tank Project

McClung indicated everything is on schedule for starting the South Tank project.

B. Public Works Department

Buckwald reported PWS has:

1. Completed two CIPs (SCADA and Screw Press Conveyor). The screw press has been in operation, but they still need to install barbed wire and slats in the fence. Some SCADA software work is still in progress.
2. Repaired broken two-inch water line in front of the Drift Inn, repaired a leak on Crestview, and rocked 10 roads with grindings.
3. Made it through July 4th celebration and *la de da* parade without problems.
4. Installed temporary service to property on Crestview; they will eventually have full service on Crestview.
5. Been sending loads of bio-solids to Sutherlin every Thursday (until caught up).

Buckwald noted:

1. Striping on 101 and side streets will occur this month.
2. Inspections of grease traps will start in August 2017, with notices going out at the end of this month.

McClung stated he is waiting on budget information to address drainage on north end of ball field. The plan is to install buried pipe. There will be catch basin and junction of three pipes. McClung noted the previous pipe was undersized.

Buckwald noted they are searching for a new backhoe and a used 5-yard dump truck. The old truck was broke down for two weeks and impacted their productivity. A company in Florence is helping search for an adequate dump truck. The backhoe will be a brand new purchase.

1 McClung reported he expects to require a Level 1 conservation in late August or early
2 September, and unless Yachats gets summer rains, they will need to conserve every
3 year. McClung noted an agreement with South Lincoln County allows them to purchase
4 water, if backup is needed. The Yachats River gauge is reading 50 cfs this year; last
5 year at this time, it was 15 cfs.

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7 Groth would like a tour of the facilities.

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9 Haynes asked if the schedule for the South Tank uses up all of their contract time, and
10 McClung indicated there was some float time. Bedell asked how long it would take to fill
11 the tank once it is built, and McClung indicated a half-day.

12 13 **C. Solid Waste District Advisory Council**

14 Johnson and Groth reported attending the last meeting. Groth noted Lincoln County is
15 developing an overall plan, not just a plan for emergency situations. He noted recycled
16 materials is remaining constant while the overall haul is growing, meaning the output of
17 regular trash is rising. Johnson noted one theory is that the same people are recycling,
18 regardless of how much trash is created by transients.

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20 Groth reported they discussed funding sources and commercial/residential rates. There
21 was discussion of how vacationers add greatly to trash output. Johnson noted most
22 everything that can be recycled is being recycled, and the break-even on plastic
23 recycling is incredibly high. The topic of recycling biodegradables (e.g., cooking waste)
24 was raised.

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26 Moore asked about the next SWDAC meeting, and Commissioners discussed who
27 would go to the August 18, 2017 meeting.

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29 Courtenay asked if there were plans to accommodate trash produced by visitors for the
30 eclipse. Johnson asserted beach cleanup will be needed.

31 32 **I. MINUTES - revisited**

33 Haynes moved to approve the May 9, 2017 minutes: Aye – 5; No – 0; Abstain – 1
34 (Doug Johnson, was not present at May meeting).

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36 There was no quorum at the June 13, 2017 meeting, so a vote was not taken.

37 38 **III. Business**

39 40 **A. Clean Sweep**

41 Moore reported the Clean Sweep event went well, but there needed to be more
42 coordination on the process. Groth asked about closing earlier on Sunday. Buckwald
43 noted Dahl was throwing stuff in the bins and PW was using a backhoe to punch down
44 boxes early on Monday.

Commissioners agreed there needs to be better signage on the bins and clearer notation of what is recyclable. Moore noted Dahl did pick up the paint cans. Groth suggested they have a bin for invasive plants debris next year. Questions were raised about fluorescent bulbs, tires, and CRT monitors. Moore indicated he would contact Kara Avery from Dahl to get more clarity on what goes in what bins.

Commissioners agreed to set the Sunday drop cutoff at 3 pm to allow for time to get items into the bins. Haynes suggested the Sunday volunteers start earlier in moving stuff to the bins. In discussing how to manage getting front stuff into the bins to be ready for Dahl to haul, Buckwald suggested having Dahl wait and come Tuesday morning.

McClung indicated he picked up brush from houses on Friday. McClung noted in the past, they helped people who needed help, not just get everything left out. He suggested returning to this policy and have people contact City Hall if they need pickup.

Bedell explained the Energy Trust of Oregon wants to get old high-consumption appliances out of circulation and suggested getting ETO to come get appliances. Bedell indicated he would contact ETO to see if there is interest.

IV. Other Business

A. From the Commission – none

B. From the Staff – none

C. From the Floor – none

With no further business before the commission, Moore adjourned meeting at 3:54 pm.

John Moore, Chair

Date

Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on July 23, 2017.