

1 City of Yachats  
2 **PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION**

3  
4 January 8, 2018

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6 Approved Minutes  
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8 **I. Call to Order**

9 Chair Bob Bennett called the January 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Public Works and  
10 Streets Commission to order at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons.

11 Members present: Larry Nixon, Bob Bennett, and Don Groth. Absent: Tom Bedell and  
12 James Sanders. Staff present: Water Plant Lead Rick McClung and Wastewater Plant  
13 Lead Dave Buckwald. Audience: 4.  
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15 **II. Minutes of December 11, 2018**

16 Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes as presented:  
17 Aye – 3; No – 0.  
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19 **III. Reports**

20 **A. Public Works Department**

21 Water Treatment Plant Lead Rick McClung summarized the report in the meeting  
22 packet. McClung highlighted it took a week to clean up after the recent storm but  
23 systems worked well. McClung reported there was a 270,000 gallon leak last month  
24 when a fire hydrant blew off the main line. He noted they now use “mega lugs” that were  
25 less likely to fail. He complimented the crew in getting the leak contained within an  
26 hour.  
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28 McClung reported South Lincoln Water Department (LCWD) had five trees block  
29 passage to their plant and had a leak. The LCWD manager asked the City to turn on its  
30 connection to supply them water. They crew prepared to open the connection and the  
31 procedure went smoothly and identified one extra valve involved in the process. South  
32 Lincoln got their plant online before water was actually distributed. Bennett concurred  
33 that the situation was a useful test of their preparedness and processes.  
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35 McClung explained how Nathan Barnard’s sewer service was damaged during Highway  
36 101 construction. McClung added that Barnard just learned his storm drain line was  
37 crushed under the sidewalk, and he was working with Barnard to remedy the issue.  
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39 McClung highlighted camera inspecting 320 feet of sewer main on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 120  
40 feet on Highway 101 and flushing/cleaning of 160 feet on sewer main on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He  
41 reported Wastewater Treatment Plant Lead Dave Buckwald was preparing to build the  
42 Pole Barn. He also added that they could not find a flat spot on Crestview to place the  
43 emergency supply container but could not find one after the area had been cleared.  
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45 **B. Emergency Preparedness Committee**

1 Commissioner Groth moved to appoint Tom Fisher to the Emergency Preparedness  
2 Committee: Aye – 3; No – 0.  
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#### 4 **C. Solid Waste District Advisory Council**

5 Nixon reported the meeting this week was cancelled. Bennett asked if there were any  
6 new developments on the acceptance of Class B biosolids. Commissioners discussed  
7 that if Class A were required, it would need a county-wide effort develop a solution.  
8 McClung noted it would require a lot of energy, heat, and personnel hours to process  
9 Class A biosolids. He estimated the cost could be as much as \$100,000.  
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#### 11 **D. Financial Report**

12 Groth noted revenues were at just over 50% and asked if they expected that trend to  
13 continue. McClung recalled the up trend continued through normally slow months last  
14 year. Bennett noted water was at 57% collection and they have another two or three  
15 lean months before revenues increase again. Bennett explained it was not clear if the  
16 increase in revenues was due to an increase in sales or an increase of fees. Bennett  
17 indicated he would be meeting with the City Manager, Tom Lauritzen, and McClung  
18 about rates for the large users. McClung reported he asked the engineers about what  
19 information about water rates would be included in the Water Master Plan and the  
20 engineers indicated it would only be whether a study was needed or not. McClung  
21 noted he was normally making 3.5 million gallons per month at this time of year and he  
22 was currently making around 4 million. Bennett indicated he would work with McClung  
23 to get twelve month estimates of production and usage.  
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25 Bennett asked about the 246% expenditure on Main Plant Parts. McClung noted he  
26 had to replace a SC100 device at \$4,000 and the two online probes for pH both needed  
27 replacing \$1,500 each. He reported he also has a clarifier drive that needed replaces.  
28 Regarding Outside Services at 243%, McClung noted some of this amount was for  
29 meters at Fisterra which would be recategorized into SDC fees.  
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### 31 **III. Current Business**

#### 32 **A. Ocean View Drive meeting on January 30, 2019 at 1:30 pm**

33 Bennett stated this meeting of the relevant parties would be a status review. McClung  
34 reported he, the City Manager, and the Mayor met with the County and the  
35 archeologists. He indicated they walked the entire section. McClung reported they  
36 planned to move the guardrails in toward the street by about two feet to give them  
37 longer life. He also reported the county was also going to slope the road to get the  
38 water to drain on the east side into the drainage ditches, helping divert water runoff from  
39 causing erosion on the west side. He reported the plan was to erect a cantilevered  
40 boardwalk trail with pilings along the southern section of Ocean View. He indicated the  
41 Trails group was acutely aware of what was needed. He expected work to move fast in  
42 the spring of 2019.  
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44 Bennett asked about decisions on traffic flow. McClung reported the engineer agreed  
45 with the Commissions previous recommendations. Commissioners were not certain of  
46 the current plan for traffic direction.

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2 Groth asked how the ocean impacts the archeological requirements. McClung stated  
3 he learned the archeological concerns apply to areas above the pre-human layer of soil.  
4 Nixon recalled how smelt fishing had impacted areas with the guardrails.  
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#### 6 **IV. New Business**

##### 7 **A. Review City Council Goals**

8 Bennett highlighted Goal 5 on Administrative Policies and reported that Manager  
9 Beaucaire gave him a list of items that the Public Works Commission was responsible  
10 for, such as the franchise fees for cable, telephone, electrical, trash. Bennett suggested  
11 that maintaining the storm ready/tsunami ready status be included in Goal 6 on  
12 Emergency Preparedness. He indicated they would need some sort of activity or  
13 tabletop exercise for this purpose.  
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15 Nixon asked what Smart City meant. Councilor Kerti stated the idea was to maximally  
16 interface and integrate information and technologies in all city functions.  
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18 Regarding Goal 15 on Water Security, Bennett stated that the Commission would at  
19 some point need to generate a list of options, especially around water storage. Nixon  
20 suggested storing water in old reservoirs in the county. Bennett recalled the old Green  
21 Ribbon Panel who worked to find a way to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant  
22 and wondered if that approach could work again. Bennett clarified that the City still had  
23 water rights on Cave Creek that runs next to the Kittel property.  
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##### 25 **B. Status of Access from Marine Drive & trail to King Street**

26 Bennett reported he raised the issue at the Parks and Commons Commission, who  
27 agreed to create a \$5,000 CIP for the project. He indicated the effort would be joint  
28 between this Commission and Parks and Commons. He stated the first step would be  
29 to contact ODOT to determine requirements for the project. Bennett suggested the  
30 width only needed to be one pipe length or four feet. Nixon noted the importance of  
31 ensure vehicles do not use the area. Bennett reported the Trails Committee recognized  
32 that area as a valid trail.  
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34 Bennett asked McClung if he would contact the ODOT regional representative about the  
35 project.  
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#### 37 **IV. Other Business**

##### 38 **A. From the Commission**

39 Groth asked if the Commission had finalized their CIPs. McClung wanted to have the  
40 Ocean View Drive transfer as a CIP. Groth suggested they learn from the Finance  
41 Committee meeting on January 9, 2019 which CIPs were definite and revisit the topic at  
42 the February 2019 Public Works and Streets Commission meeting.  
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44 Bennett asked Tom Fisher if he would be interested in joining the Commission. Fisher  
45 indicated he would consider the position.  
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1 Patty Hodges asked how much work outside of Commissions was required. Bennett  
2 suggested there was not a lot of outside work involved and that curiosity and interest  
3 were the main criteria.

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5 **B. From the Floor - none**

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7 With no further business before the commission, Bennett adjourned meeting at 4:02 pm.

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Bob Bennett, Chair

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16 Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on January 10, 2019.