

CITY OF YACHATS
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION

February 14, 2017

Minutes

1 Larry Nixon called the February 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Public Works and Streets
2 Commission to order at 2 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Larry Nixon,
3 Don Groth, Rick Haynes and Doug Johnson. Also present: Water Treatment Plant Operator Rick
4 McClung, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Dave Buckwald, City Clerk Kimmie Jackson.

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6 **I. Minutes**

7 Motion to approve January 10, 2017 minutes with correction of adding Larry Nixon to members
8 present. Aye 3; No – 0; Minutes approved.

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10 **II. Business**

11 Discussion to move or disband Public Works and Streets Commission has been tabled. The city
12 council will address the issue.

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14 McClung suggested commission request a formal mission statement from the City Council. Nixon
15 noted such a statement would be helpful in recruiting new members.

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17 **III. Reports**

- 18 A. South Tank Project – McClung reported engineers are finalizing the design and noted the
19 process is moving along.

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21 A councilor asked about the status of the drainage system. McClung reported engineers are
22 incorporating recommendations from the Planning Commission.

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24 B. Public Works Department

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26 Dave Buckwald reported the following activities:

- 27 1. Tree branch removal
28 2. Resolving large-scale maintenance issues at water plant
29 3. Water line repair and sewer cleanout repair on Shell St
30 4. Four water meters installed
31 5. Reedy Creek cleaned four times
32 6. Pump station at Parkside generator failed on February 3rd and there was power outage on
33 February 5th. The portable generator enabled successful handling of the issues. Buckwald
34 would like to obtain a backup generator connection at the main pump station in the
35 future.
36 7. Regarding CIPs, the screw-press conveyor will be delivered on February 15 and the SCADA
37 system will be delivered at end of the month.

8. A sewer system inspection during last storm noted many “little leakers” from private sewer lines. Public works will need to address the problems.

McClung reported status of the search for backhoe. The current budgeted amount is \$70,000. The only available backhoes at that price level are about the same year with similar use-hours but not riddled with rust. A new backhoe could be purchased for around \$110,000. McClung believed the better decision would be to obtain an additional \$40,000 for new backhoe rather than to spend \$70,000 to essentially replace what the city currently has. Buckwald noted better financing options was likely available for new equipment. McClung and Buckwald identified the following advantages of purchasing new:

1. Having a warranty
2. Getting 20 years of life instead of an undetermined, shorter amount.
3. Slower rusting
4. Eliminating dangers of breakdowns that could result in environmental hazards such as hydraulic line leaks.

Buckwald believed there was \$40,000 for a screw-press building in the 2019-2020 CIP, which could be applied to a pole building to cover solids processing and large equipment.

Groth and McClung discussed the timing of CIP projects to search for potential funds.

McClung noted there is a risk to go from present day until summer regarding potential breakdowns of the existing backhoe but believed worth it is a risk worth taking to gain returns from new equipment. A commissioner noted that the existing backhoe might have some trade-in value.

The commissioners and McClung recommended:

1. The existing CIP of \$70,000 be carried over to the 2017-2018 budget
2. The Finance Committee should search for an additional 40,000 for purchase of a new Backhoe
3. A full cab is warranted because of safety and adverse-weather conditions
4. A new backhoe is warranted because of greater dependability, less liability for environmental hazards, and extended life (projected to be at least twice as long as a used machine)
5. A new backhoe is expected to have a purchase price of \$105,000-\$120,000

A motion was made to forward the above recommendation to Finance Committee: Aye 3; No – 0.

C. Water Data Reports – Jackson reported the 12-month average efficiency report is available. Work needs to be done on merging financial data with water data.

D. Financial Data for Water and Sewer Funds – report is not currently available because the water data has yet to be merged with the financial data in the city database.

E. Solid Waste District Advisory Council – No activity to report.

IV. Other Business

- A. From the Commission –none.
- B. From the Staff – none.
- C. From the Floor – none.

Nixon adjourned the meeting.

Larry Nixon

Date

Don Groth

Date

Doug Johnson

Date

Rick Haynes

Date

Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on February 28, 2017.