

The Sanitation, Recycling, and Water and Sewer and Streets Committees of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

**PRESENT WERE:** Councilors Jim Leach, Steven Hitchcock, and Herb Christensen; Interim City Administrator Jason Knope and Interim Public Works Director Gary Kaping.

**ABSENT WERE:** Councilor Randy Nelson.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor Jim Leach called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**III. BUDGET REVIEW**

Interim Director Gary Kaping began reviewing the budget with the Committee.

Interim City Administrator Jason Knope noted that tonight's meeting was intended to address any questions that the Committee had on the budget and to add any projects to the budget that the Committee would see completed next fiscal year. Discussion followed.

Councilor Herb Christensen would like to see head in parking on Front Street along where the tree line currently is.

Interim Administrator Knope stated that there are funds in the Streets System Improvement Fund to pay for projects like this. Discussion followed.

Interim Administrator Knope stated that all of the projects that did not get completed this year are being carried over to next year. No new projects have been added. He then informed the Committee that in Sanitation the focus is going to be on purchasing dumpsters. There will be a one-time transfer of \$65,000 into the container fund to cover this cost. Discussion followed.

Councilor Hitchcock then asked Interim Administrator Knope where the funds for tablets for the Council would come from.

Interim Administrator Knope responded that there are a few options for funding for tablets for the Council. Discussion followed on how the tablets would be utilized.

Councilor Jim Leach stated that he hasn't had dirty water at his house for a very long time. He then asked if it was because of the new water treatment plant.

Interim Director Kaping informed the Committee that before the water treatment plant was online the City was needing to flush the lines every two and a half months. Now that the

water treatment plant is online, it has been 6 months since the City has flushed the lines. Discussion followed.

Councilor Christensen would like to see page numbers on the budget to make it easier to follow. Discussion followed.

Councilor Jim Leach then asked if the City had plans to look into drop boxes.

Interim Director Kaping informed the Committee that he is still gathering information on beginning a drop box program. His personal opinion is that the City is leaving a lot of money on the table by not offering drop boxes. Discussion followed.

Councilor Jim Leach would like Interim Director Kaping to look at the potholes on Holly Street near 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Interim Director Kaping will inspect the holes and see if there is anything that he can do to fix them temporarily. Discussion followed on potholes in town.

Councilor Leach asked if there were a lot of customer bills in town that don't pay their water bill.

Interim Director Kaping responded that there are a few accounts that are past due but they are commercial accounts.

Interim Administrator Knope stated that the current City code does not allow us to shut off certain businesses. Discussion followed on updating the City code to allow their water to be shut off for nonpayment.

Councilor Steven Hitchcock asked for an update on the partial funding for the Junction City Athletics irrigation well.

Interim Administrator Knope responded that the total cost of the well would be about \$20,000 and JCA has about half. The Committee agreed that the City should help pay for the installation of the well in order to benefit the City by getting JCA off of their water system. Discussion followed.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Shafer  
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