

The Sewer and Streets Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Monday, May 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

Present Were: Councilors, Randy Nelson (Chair), and Jim Leach, Her Christensen; and Public Works Director, Gary Kaping.

Absent Were: None.

1. Call to Order

Councilor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda items. Agendas with a revised date of May 2, 2016 were handed out.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2016

The consensus of the Committee was to approve the minutes.

4. Utility Code Update

The committee skipped this item and moved to Agenda Item 6.

5. New Job Description

The committee skipped this item and moved to Agenda Item 6.

6. Assistance Program

Director Kaping began an initial discussion on a utility customer assistance program. The previous Rate Payer Assistance program had been discontinued by the City Council. Staff contacted several other jurisdictions about their guidelines for assistance programs. Among the cities contacted were Cottage Grove, Coburg, Veneta, and Portland. Some programs were similar to the Rate Payer Assistance programs, others focused on senior citizens or specifically disabled heads of households. Some programs included assistance for water and/or garbage bills. The majority were assistance for sewer bills. Direction from the committee was requested.

Income eligibility guidelines used by most cities were provided through the State of Oregon. There were approximately 116 participants in the Rate Payer Assistance

program. The majority of participants were senior citizens. Apartment dwellers made up 80% of participants.

Consensus: consensus of the committee was to discontinue further discussion and not pursue an assistance program.

Monies in the fund needed to be returned to the Sewer Fund and could be used for other sewer related projects. The item would continue to be on the agenda forecaster for future discussions.

7. Agenda Forecaster Review

Director Kaping made the changes suggested and added the new job description to the current business items.

8. Other Business

Director Kaping said Public Works wanted to begin work on the bike path by the high school. The money was in the budget.

The committee reviewed the changes to the stop sign plan which were discussed at the Council work session. A stop sign was shown at W 10th Avenue and Nyssa Street. The committee discussed, rather than a stop sign, placing 'hot tape' with the words "Slow Children Crossing." A stop sign was added at W 17th Avenue near Safeway.

9. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tere Andrews
Secretary