

The Sanitation, Recycling, and Water Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Monday, October 5th, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT WERE: Councilors Randy Nelson, Steven Hitchcock, and Jim Leach; and Public Works Director Gary Kaping.

ABSENT WERE: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Jim Leach called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 14th, 2015

The consensus of the Committee was to approve the minutes as edited.

IV. QUARTERLY RECYCLING REPORT

Director Kaping reviewed the Quarterly Recycle Report with the Committee. He noted that our collection rate is about the same as it has been in the past. However, we are paying more to recycle now. Discussion followed.

Councilor Nelson would like Sanitation to do a rate study in order to make up for the loss the City is seeing in revenue. Discussion followed.

Councilor Nelson stated that when the rate study is done, he would like to see what the cost of outsourcing would be.

Director Kaping noted that if the City decided to cut the Sanitation Department, it would not just be the four Sanitation workers. Sanitation pays a percentage of each employee's wages at City Hall as well so they would lose a body as well. Discussion followed.

V. WATER CONSUMPTION VERSUS BILLING

Director Kaping stated that before the Committee tonight is a very simplistic version of what the City has done in water revenue this summer. He felt like this was important for the Committee to be aware of since the City spent most of the summer on a water curtailment. Director Kaping then informed the Committee that overall, the City has lost about \$10,000 in revenue due to the curtailment. Discussion followed.

VI. AGENDA FORECASTER REVIEW

Director Kaping informed the Committee that he added the rate study to the Agenda Forecaster.

Councilor Nelson wants to make sure that when the rate study is done that benchmarks are used showing how many times a similar sized City has raised their rates versus how often the City has raised theirs.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Director Kaping informed the Committee that he received bids back for doing a single test well. He stated that the bids are extremely high, with the lowest bid being \$29,000. Discussion followed.

Director Kaping only believes that there is enough money in the budget to test drill two wells. He would recommend doing Tequendama Park and the Swimming Pool. Discussion followed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Shafer
Public Works Technician