

The Public Works Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Monday, December 3rd, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT WERE: Public Works Director Gary Kaping, Councilors Dale Rowe, Bill DiMarco and John Gabee.

ABSENT WERE: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dale Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 5, 2018

The consensus of the Committee was to approve the minutes.

IV. SWEEPER FUNDING

Director Kaping stated that before the Committee tonight is a request for direction on which funding option to use for the purchase of a replacement street sweeper. The City is receiving \$45,000 for the burnt sweeper from the insurance company, however, Director Kaping informed the Committee that there will be an additional cost to replace the sweeper.

Director Kaping gave the Committee three options for the other \$100,000 needed to pay for a new sweeper. Discussion followed.

City Staff is recommending the use of the Street Fund ending balance to make the purchase. Discussion followed.

ACTION: The consensus of the Committee was to send the request to the Council with the recommendation to approve using the ending fund balance.

V. VISTA DALE LIGHTING

Director Kaping gave the Committee a brief background on the Vista Dale Subdivision and how it came into the City. He stated that a Vista Dale Subcommittee was formed a few years ago that helped to decide which improvements would be made to the subdivision, and which would not be. Those options included, water, sewer, storm, sidewalks, and streetlights. The recommendation of the subcommittee was for just water and sewer and it was forwarded to the Council.

At the last Council Meeting a citizen asked when street lights would be installed in Vista Dale. The Mayor directed the question to the Public Works Committee.

Director Kaping got a verbal quote from EPUD and was given the price of approximately \$50,000. Director Kaping would like to know if the Committee would like him to research further. Discussion followed.

ACTION: The consensus of the Committee was to table the request. Director Kaping will contact the citizen and inform him that the City is not interested in paying for the project. However, if the members of the Vista Dale subdivision would like to get together and give the City a proposal, they would be more than happy to review it.

VI. AGENDA FORECASTER REVIEW

Director Kaping stated that the only change that he made to the Agenda Forecaster was updating the current business.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Director Kaping stated that the Code Change that the City is currently working on that includes deposits, removes liens, adds late fees and fees for doorhangers is done. He would like to know if the Committee would like to move forward with that now; or wait until the rate study is complete to make the changes all at once.

ACTION: The consensus of the Committee was for Director Kaping to bring the Code Change to the January meeting for adoption.

Director Kaping stated that since Public Works maintains the waterways in town we have been getting a ton of requests to trap nutria. Director Kaping would like to get direction from the Committee on whether they would like Public Works to continue the practice. He noted that if the decision was for the City to continue the practice then they would need to obtain a trapper's license. A policy would also need to be created that addresses the storage and check out of a City purchased firearm. Discussion followed.

ACTION: The consensus of the Committee was for Public Works to cease and desist the trapping and killing of nutria on private property.

Director Kaping then told the Committee that in this year's Streets CEP it is scheduled to purchase a new riding mower. He informed them that the City will be purchasing a brand new, Walker Brand, mower for \$13,000.

The Kabota mower will be sold and should recuperate \$6,000-\$8,000 of the Walker purchase price. That money will be put back into the CEP.

Councilor DiMarco asked if there are any abatement updates on the property at 7th and Ivy.

Director Kaping responded that the property owner has agreed to have the piece that overhangs the sidewalk down by December 10th so that the sidewalk can be reopened.

If it is not done by the 10th, Director Knope will send him a certified letter giving him 10 days to do it or the City will have it done and charge him for it.

Councilor Gambee asked if there was a list of street projects that the City can do, or has planned, with the Street SDC Funds.

Director Kaping responded that the SDC Funds can only be used for street expansion. There are not a lot of projects that can be done.

Councilor Gambee asked if there was a list of projects or can you pick and choose.

Director Kaping stated that you can pick and choose with the ODOT exchange money but that is a different fund.

Councilor Rowe took time to thank the Committee and its members for making his work as chair very easy. He hopes that this Committee stays together.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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