



# Public Infrastructure Committee

## Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Mayor Drotzmann called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. Councilors Hardin arrived at 5:03pm. Councilor Peterson was excused. City staff in attendance included: City Manager Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Wastewater Superintendent Bill Schmittle, Street Superintendent Ron Sivey, Water Superintendent Roy Bicknell, and Planning Assistant Heather La Beau. Also present were Anderson Perry engineers Joshua Lott and Treyton Moore (via Zoom).

Assistant City Manager Morgan updated attendees on the following:

### **FOG Program (Fats Oils Grease)-**

Treyton Moore gave an overview of the Environmental Water Quality Specialist position the city has created to administer the three programs (FOG, Industrial Pretreatment, and Backflow Prevention). It is considered cheaper to keep the discharge of fats, oils, and grease from entering the wastewater system than it is to maintain and treat the system while taking it in. The position costs in the 130k range and was approved in this year's budget. Some of the position expense can be offset with a permit fee. Various rate structures and a declining permit fee are options being considered. An open house is planned for impacted businesses at the end of October. The permitting and inspection processes for the new employee to follow are still being developed. A residential education component will be included. The city anticipates posting the job in November.

### **Industrial Pretreatment Program-**

Treyton explained the development of this program, the result of DEQ requirements, targets users who discharge a high volume of specific toxins into the wastewater system. It will be a permit driven program for selective industries such as food processing plants, car washes, laundromats, dentists, data centers, etc. The goal is to have this program operating in 2025.

### **Backflow Prevention Program-**

The city hopes to have this program operating within the next two years. Oregon Health Authority sends notices to municipalities to comply with the yearly testing requirements of citizens' backflow preventers. Of the nearly 2,000 backflows on file with the city, approximately 800 a year are tested. The state would like to see 70% compliance at a minimum.

### **Regional Water Backup Generators-**

The city's portion of the 5-million-dollar project is approximately \$600,000. The annual meeting in December may bring a final answer from one undecided member. The other members have expressed support for the project.

### **ASR Program (Aquifer Storage & Recovery/Recharge)-**

Applications were submitted to the state in July. A final determination is expected in twelve months. The draft timeline injects water in 2025-2026, monitor the water for a year, inject more water in the winter of 2026-2027 and be able to use the water in the summer of 2027.

### **N 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sidewalk-**

The city has made an offer to purchase additional right-of-way. Anticipate response within several months.

### **Geer Road & Harper Road Interchange-**



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Conversations between the city and railroad company have been positive. The use of the current crossing has been approved which will allow the city to use the property it had previously purchased as the intersection realignment is designed.

## **Construction Updates-**

### **Noncontact Cooling Water Discharge Line Construction**

It is advisable to avoid this area while the construction causes street closures along Hinkle Road and Feedville to the east.

### **AWS Phase 2 Non-Potable 30" Pipeline in Feedville Construction**

Anticipate more street closures as this project continues.

### **E Gladys Ave & E Main St Water Line Construction**

The water line portion of the project on Gladys Ave is near completion. The project has moved to the E Hurlburt Ave & SE 7<sup>th</sup> St area. The E Main St closures will be happening in the near future.

### **Lift #4 Construction**

This is the sewer lift near W Ridgeway Ave/ NW 6<sup>th</sup> St/Butte Dr. The base and two sleeves are in, 14' deep.

### **Other**

The capital improvement plan will be updating in January of 2025. The committee will have new members at that time.

### **Adjourn**

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.