

Mayor Drotzmann called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Councilors Hardin and Linton were present. Councilor Peterson was excused. City staff in attendance included: City Manager Smith (exited at 5:15pm), Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Street Superintendent Ron Sivey, Wastewater Superintendent Bill Schmittle, Water Superintendent Roy Bicknell, and Planning Assistant Heather La Beau. Anderson Perry engineers Joshua Lott and Jay Marlow were in attendance. Introductions were made.

Assistant City Manager Morgan updated attendees on the following:

Regional Water System Expansion- Phase 1 of the regional water system improvements are to serve the Amazon data centers and consists of constructing a new line in Feedville Rd from 1st to Kelli Blvd and up E Penney Ave, ultimately the line will tie into the potable city line. The cost of the improvements is being paid for entirely by Amazon. The existing line previously carried raw river water to irrigate OSU extension land and will now be chlorinated and transition to potable water to serve the data center campus for their cooling needs. Phase 2 improvements, also paid for by Amazon, will construct a new non-potable line from Hwy 207 and Feedville Road to Kelli Blvd and up to E Penney Ave, and upgrades at the river pumps. The potable lines will then be available for use to tie into another area of the city system. An additional potable water and a sewer line are being installed along the property frontages of both campuses.

Non-Contact Cooling Water System Startup Date- Discharge water lines are being installed for both campuses and will be piped to the Hermiston Irrigation District for use by farmers. This is still in the design phase and will be paid for by Amazon. It is not sewer water and will not be going to the treatment plan. An agreement will need to be developed for the costs associated with the city managing the service and maintenance of the line and lift station.

Prairie Meadows Utility System Design- Currently working through the financing portion through DEQ and the IFA.

N 1st Place Construction- The sewer line is being installed late June, then the water main replacement will begin and will be completed in the fall. The roadway should be paved by the end of October. Staff continues to work with ODOT for improvements at the W Elm Ave and N 1st Place intersection.

E Penney Ave Construction- Paving should begin by the end of the month.

Highland Avenue Overlay- The project includes grinding and repaving the travel lanes from 1st to 11th on W Highland Ave. The project is currently out for bid and should be completed sometime in July.

Well #5 Upgrade- The upgrades include installing a main and upgrading pumps and motors in the well. The piping of the drain ditch is a separate project.

Well #6 Chlorination Structure- An entire new structure is being built to house the chlorination system. This project is in the design phase.

Well #4 Control Systems- The well control systems are out of date and being replaced.

Lift #3- This project is almost closed out.

McDonald's and Highway 395- This sewer main project requires an easement and there is an issue with who has authority to grant the easement for one of the properties. The condemnation process will begin soon.

Lift #4 Reconstruction- Replacing the sewer lift station on the west side of town is proposed for this fiscal year.

SW 11th St Sidewalk and RRFB- This is ODOT project will install sidewalk and curb from the Orchard Ave extending to the existing sidewalk near SW 11th St, and the installation of a push button rapid flashing crosswalk. ODOT is paying for the project.

RRFB at Butte Park- A flashing beacon will be installed on W Elm Ave on the north side of Butte Park. The contract has been awarded to Nelson Construction and should be completed this summer.

Discussion on:

NE 4th St & E Main St Parking- There are challenges with left turning onto E Main St. After reviewing traffic counts it was determined that during peak hour the intersection is nearing capacity if there are no further changes. Loops in the asphalt have failed and the signal is now on a timer. ODOT maintains the signal. Increased traffic is anticipated with the additional residential housing being built on the east side of town. A left turn lane for south bound traffic east onto main will be added and the through lane moved over slightly. On the south side, lane configuration will change to have a left turn only lane and the through lane will move with the right turn lane. The changes will eliminate multiple on-street parking spaces.

Backflow Testing- State law requires backflow devices be tested annually by a certified inspector. The Oregon Health Authority oversees the City's compliance. The City is working to increase compliance rates with those that have devices and increase the number of properties that have the devices.

Lead/Copper Program- The City has until Oct 2024 to comply with Federal EPA requirements to inventory all the copper and lead piping both before and after the meter for water connections. This mostly affects older homes.

Industrial Pre-Treatment Program- The City is required to implement a program now that the number of industrial users to the wastewater system has increased. The program will need to be monitored and customers audited to ensure compliance. A fee will need to be in place to cover the costs associated with the program.

Fats, Oils & Greases (FOG) Program- Solidified FOGs in the wastewater system creates significant problems. A program will need to be created and customers who discharge large amounts of FOGs will need to be monitored.

Geer & Harper Realignment- Two possible options for realignment

- Weave through the utility poles on Geer Road
- Acquire ROW from the Medelez property

Staff was encouraged to move forward with the project.

Adjourn

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.