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TO: City Council

FROM: Eric Hansen, Public Works Director

DATE: February 19, 2019

SUBJECT: February Staff Memo

I will not be attending the February City Council meeting, so I have included a staff memo to keep you updated of the activities happening in the Public Works Department.

Wastewater:

1. The 3 Rivers WWTP in Kelso is no longer accepting biosolids, the next available plant that will accept solids is Shelton, which would add an additional \$700/week in hauling costs. We are actively working towards "Class B" rating which would allow for land application during spring, summer, and fall months. I am also working with Hood River to accept our additional solids on a temporary basis until we can find a more cost effective means to dispose of them.
2. Preliminary test results from the influent loading comparison have been received from 3 labs and show the same results that we noticed in 2017 during the ISU Sampling program. This time we used a Churn Sample Splitter to eliminate any discrepancies between operators. We will be investigating further.
3. TV inspection of the sewer lines has been postponed for 1 week due to the weather, it will now occur during the week of March 4th. Once the lines have been inspected we will receive a report of deficiencies and costs to repair them. The geotechnical report has not been completed for the Montell Terrace neighborhood, so we will be focusing on Chesser Street, Hot Springs Alameda, Willard, Roosevelt, Viewpoint, Roselawn, McKinley, and Jefferson main lines.

Parks:

1. We have sent out an RFP (Request for Proposals) for Landscape Services to expand on the improvements at Russell Street and Second Street. (see attached)
2. Applications are being accepted for the summer helper, to date we have only received 4 applications. Application period closed on February 15th.

Streets:

1. The annual street tree replacement program is scheduled to start on March 13th. This year we have 20 trees identified that require replacement.
2. The snow storm of 2019 was not the biggest we've had, but it was significant. The Public Works crew managed to stay ahead of the storms and kept the roads safe for the public. The crew worked a total of 125 overtime hours. 2 plows had to be repaired during the storm, we had 1 employee threatened by an angry citizen, and fewer complaints than normal for a storm of this caliber. We hauled snow from the downtown area and deposited it at the parking lot by the

WWTP to make room for parking. It is city policy that we do not plow out private driveways, however we do remove the snow berms when we receive requests, and as time allows. If city policy were to change, and city staff were directed to remove the snow “berms” at every driveway, it would add approximately 83 hours of snow removal labor for **every** storm. The City also does not allow private snowplows to remove snow on public streets.