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**CITY OF CONDON  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 4:00 PM  
CONDON CITY HALL**

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Mayor Jim Hassing called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Jim Hassing; Councilors Michael Cronk & Donald Jamieson; Public Works Superintendent Gibb Wilkins & City Administrator Kathryn Greiner

**2. Discuss Water & Sewer Rates for 2021**

PW Wilkins showed several different graduated rates of water for the high water users in town. He stated that the two options to boost conservation practices would be to declare a drought and add a surcharge or to implement a gradual rate per gallons used.

He put together a spreadsheet showing the top 20 water users with the top five being SGC Cemetery, City Headworks, Football Field North, Football Field South and the large meter at Condon High School. His evaluation included spreadsheet showing the current rate and how much the customer pays for water and what it would look like with graduated rates per 1,000 gallons with 3,001 - 10,000 \$1.25; 10,001-20,000 \$1.50; 20,001-40,000 \$1.75; 40,001-60,000 \$2 and 60,001 and greater \$2.25.

Councilor Jamieson asked when the last rate increase was done with the base being increased in 2016 and use over 3,000 gallons was done in 2019. It was noted that the two football field meters were not charged to Condon School District and that a letter was sent this year to them and the Cemetery District asking them to conserve. It was discussed how to get the District to conserve with fee water and discussed options of conservation education and allowing them free water for up to 1" a week irrigation and charge the excess. The City would work with the District to determine how to conserve the water which would include evaluation of sprinklers, aerating and fertilizing information.

PW Wilkins stated that it wasn't that the City was running out of water at City Farm, but lack the ability to push more up the hill with the current infrastructure. Councilor Cronk stated that he did not want to pay more for watering his yard, but to try and reduce usage he would have a conversation with the person that works on his irrigation. PW Wilkins stated that he is working with Gilliam County Soil and Water Conservation for plans at City Farm and the golf course to conserve water.

The Committee at this time is recommending more research into conservation programs and getting rate information from similar towns in Oregon, particularly in Eastern Oregon.

**3. Discuss Streets & Sidewalk Projects**

Councilor Jamieson said that he has received several complaints from constituents regarding the speed of traffic on Jefferson Street from Walnut (Highway 19) to Bayard (Highway 206). He suggested that stop signs need to be placed on the corner of Gilliam and Jefferson Streets to slow the traffic in that residential neighborhood. PW Wilkins was directed to erect two stops signs at that location.

PW Wilkins stated that an employee is doing a survey of all street signs in Condon and that he has visited with ODOT regarding bike lanes on Main Street. It was also noted that

**3.1. Jefferson Street Traffic Issues**

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### **3.2. Street Signage & Inventory**

PW Wilkins stated that an employee is doing a survey of all street signs in Condon and will have them on a map to determine replacement and repairs.

### **3.3. Sidewalk Grant Update - Existing & Potential**

The sidewalk grant for North Main Street is progressing slowly and as discussed at the previous City Council meeting, is waiting to determine the results of buried oil tanks and what actions may be needed. The anticipate the geo-tech will be in Condon after the first of the year. CA Greiner has a conference call up with state agencies to determine if there are brownfield funds or grants available for this project.

### **4. Other**

PW Wilkins stated that the last paving for the water project will be completed in the spring of 2021. He is getting quotes from Gilliam County Road Department for the work on Spring,, Court, Jefferson and Washington Streets. A portion of this project is funded by an ODOT Special City Allotment grant. The City is able to apply for another SCA grant in August 2021 which may be to pave the streets near the proposed new Condon Grade School.

CA Greiner noted that while discussing the sidewalk brownfield project, she hopes to get a start on the tanks at the Condon Grade School that the City inherited. Depending on what the City decides to do with the CGS property, the tanks may need to be removed which would be a large, expensive project.

### **5. Adjourn**

Mayor Hassing adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.