

Plummer City Council Meeting
May 19, 2015

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Bringman.

Present: Jack Bringman, Mayor
Tim Stockdale, Councilman
Leticia Kennar, Councilman
Bill Weems, Councilman

Absent: Brad Hampton, Councilman

Also Present: Terry Allen; City Administrator, Sara Gauthier; City Clerk, Paul Sifford; Public Works Superintendent, Andrew Doman; City Counselor, Keri Hill; Mountain Waterworks Engineer, Tim Farrell; Mountain Waterworks Engineer, Carl Richel, Dan Joliboi.

I. Presentations & Announcements:

II. General Utilities Summary: Electrical utility needs management and oversight to move forward. Water emergency well project will provide limited supply but will lessen chance of total system failure. Water supply upgrades and lack of source of water supply should be City's highest priority. Wastewater collection system improvements to start this fall, but will not solve treatment problems.

III. Electric Utility Funding: KEC Contract Extension, Study Recommendations, Historic Operational Costs, Future Budget, Funding Alternatives.

KEC Contract Extension: Immediate Requirements: 1. Pole Testing 2. Replacement of Priority Rejects 3. Transformer inspections and replacement. The replacement of Priority Rejects could cost \$1 million and KEC wants us to start this immediately. Funding Conditions: 1. City develops a funding plan 2. City develops a contingency plan 3. City shares plans with KEC by 7/13/15. We need to get Heyburn State Park and Stimson Lumber rates taken care of immediately. We need a Cost of Service done so that we can fix the rates. The City Clerk explained to the City Council that she is meeting with Hope Ross from Bonneville Power tomorrow to work on the rates. Committee appointed by City Council to get the City from Point A to Point B for Water and Electric. Weems, Kennar, Terry, Paul, Tim Farrell, Tim Stockdale are the committee. Weems made a motion to form the committee. Kennar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Stockdale aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed. Tim Farrell to draft letter to Kootenai Electric. Weems made a motion to let Tim Farrell draft a letter to Kootenai Electric. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Kennar aye, Stockdale aye, Weems aye. Motion Passed.

IV. Drinking Water System Funding: We could use USDA, Department of Commerce, Block Grants, and EPA & Indian Health Services for grant funding for the rest of the total to either do Wells only or to do a Full Water Upgrade. Requirements would be Bonding (Nov. '15) and a salary survey. Mr. Richel asked how much of the \$5 million project is going to find new water supply. There's no point to fix the aging infrastructure if we have no water.

V. Emergency Well Project Contracts: Having a preconstruction meeting tomorrow with Accelerated Construction.

New Business:

A. Water Reservoir Cleaning: Having the Reservoirs cleaned for \$3,000-\$4000. When cleaning the reservoirs they do not have to be drained with divers. Weems made a motion to approve the cleaning of the reservoirs. Stockdale seconded the motion. Roll Call vote Kennar aye, Stockdale aye, Weems aye. Motion passed.

The Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Jack Bringman, Mayor

Sara Gauthier, City Clerk