

Burley City Council  
Public Works Committee Meeting  
February 4, 2019  
12:00 pm  
City Council Conference Room

Attendance

Mark Mitton  
Randy Hawkins  
Dave Shirley  
Dave Allred  
Dustin Raney  
Andy Garner  
Mayor Steve Ormond  
Carol Anderson  
Dee Hodge  
Bryan Reiter  
Casey Andersen

Minutes

1. Wastewater plant damage and a new dryer

It was explained that the wastewater department has been looking to replace the dryer and fix the building from the damage of the fire that happened in January. A company, AIT Services, Inc., was contacted. To fix the dryer and not the building would cost 73,000 and would be 10 to 12 weeks to fix the dryer. There is concern that the oil got hot enough to ruin the dryer. A new one might be needed. It could cost \$240,000 to fix the dryer and this would not fix the dryer. To fix everything would cost \$300,000. There was concern about starting up the dryer and having an explosion hazard.

It was stated that AIT has a used dryer that could be purchased. A handout was given on the proposed used dryer. It was stated that the current dryer is at capacity and the used dryer would be able to handle double the capacity.

A discussion was held about the used dryer, the warranty, the condition of and the transportation of the used dryer was discussed. Transportation of the Sludge and the cost of transporting to the landfill was discussed. It was stated that perhaps the best option would be to repair the old dryer and buy the new used dryer. The used dryer will not fit in the current building and it was suggested to build a new building and put both dryers in the new building and have the repaired dryer as back up to the used dryer. It was stated that if 600,000 was spent on this ideal situation it would still be a saving on a million dollars to what this could cost. The new plan would eliminate the need to transport sludge to the landfill in the future.

Some asked if ICRMP would cover the cost of this plan. It was stated that Mark Mitton would call ICRMP and see if this used dryer and the new building would be covered by the insurance. The roof of the old building would also need to be repaired and a redesign of the roof was in the making.

## 2. Low pressure rates for irregular lots

A handout was distributed of the three different methods for handling the low pressure rates, along with a map of one of the irregular lots. It was stated with the increase of water fees in 2018 that the low pressure rates needed some clarification of the frontage foot of the road. So the water department has been looking at how to deal with this fairly and legally. There have been many emails with staff and the city attorney and there methods were proposed.

The First method would require no change to the billing software of Caselle and would calculate the rate historically. The second method would require a change in Caselle and there would need to be some conversions of frontage feet to a standard lot. The third method would define the standard lot to 6,300 and would have calculations of square feet for any lot over the standard lot of 6,300.

It was stated that some lots have more building on them than grass and would require less watering. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of each method, but it was stated that any of the methods would be an improvement on what is the standard now. It was stated that taking the third option and having all the lots converted to square feet and charging them all by square feet would be the best option. It was stated that there would be complaints, but that there would always be complaints.

## 3. Cemetery Fee Increase

It was stated that there was a rate increase for each grave that is opened by \$12.00 and this would be the case for all types of grave. A handout was given to show the previous rate and the rate effective February 1, 2019. It was stated that the last increase was back in 2007 or 2008. The services provided by Memorial Monuments was discussed and it was mentioned that Memorial Monuments would provide many services without ever charging the City for leveling headstones that the city didn't have the equipment to do the task.

It was stated that the fees are minimal and don't require a public hearing but it would be good to put it in the newsletter to let people know about the change. It was stated that putting the increase in the newsletter would be good along with the clarification of the water rates. It was stated that they would hold a public hearing and then make the change after the public hearing to be transparent with the citizens of Burley.

## 4. Designation of Cemetery Grave Types

A handout was given of the map of the Cemetery plots and also a handout of Cemetery Information of all the surrounding cemeteries, with prices for all cemeteries of fees at those cemeteries. The cemetery plot hand out was explained. It was explained that the past cemetery director had established that every other row would be upright headstones and then flat headstones. It was mentioned that most people want an upright headstone. Most times when talking to customers they want an upright headstone. It was stated that they would pay more for an upright headstone by \$200.00 there is more maintenance required in an upright headstone. They talked about making sections for flat headstones and sections for upright headstones and that the cemetery has to deal with the way the headstones were issued in the past, but in future sections as land is bought that there would need to be designated areas.

There was a discussion of the surrounding cemeteries and how the cost of plots. For example Pella Cemetery was selling lots for \$50.00. Twin Falls might sell a grave space for \$1250 to \$1750. Salt Lake you would pay \$3,000 or \$4,000. The smaller cemeteries have to increase and those fees seem big in comparison.

There was a discussion about making a cemetery district and how that would operate. It was stated that the smaller cemeteries are maintained by the community and do not have a person that gets paid to maintain the cemetery.

It was stated that a resolution should be drawn up for the increase for the upright headstone and brought before City Council.

It was mentioned to the Committee that there was a settlement by the VW and there was grant money available. The City is now applying for a grant for two garbage trucks and a sweeper. It was stated that some of the trucks are in need of replacing, the old trucks would have to be destroyed after the new trucks were purchased.

Meeting adjourned 1:01 PM.