

City of Burley
Public Works Committee Meeting
September 14th 4 pm
City Hall Conference Room

Attendance

Dustin Rainey
Dee Hodge
Mayor Steve Ormond
Mark Mitton
John Craner
Casey Andersen
David Waldron
Janet Hansen
Carol Anderson

MINUTES

1. Information concerning Industrial wastewater grant for new sewer line and head works.

There have been a couple of companies talking about coming to the City of Burley. These companies are going to require a lot of water running through the wastewater treatment plant. Because of these discussions the city has started planning for the future. High Desert Milk is also planning an expansion that would put the wastewater treatment plant at capacity.

The City has applied for a federal grant to help with the pipeline that would be needed to run the waste from the plants to the treatment plant. There was a discussion about how the pipeline would run and a discussion of how many businesses are dumping into the treatment plant and some of the issues that are being handled.

Just recently the BDA has purchased 45 acres from Gochnour. The property is big enough to handle two new businesses and it is felt that they will come and there will be a need for an expansion of the industrial wastewater plant.

It was explained that the grant funds would be about 4.5 million and the city would have to match the funds for a total of 8 to 9 million in the project. There was a discussion about the wages that would be required for the work on the project, the bid process and the surveying that will be completed.

2. Discussion of Industrial Plant expansion.

The rapid growth of the city is going to put the wastewater over capacity before the city will be able to expand in time. The City has been looking at a rehab project with the old digesters on the Heyburn side of the river. There is two big tanks over there and it is felt that the City could renovate the tanks to help with the water that will be coming from the companies. So the waste would be piped to the digesters and then piped back to help keep things running.

It was explained that the city would lease the tanks for \$10,000 a month for 30 years. The company that owns the tanks is interested in the biogas and they would drop the rent to \$5000 a month in exchange for the biogas. The company needs the lease agreement to be able to have the income to do the projects that they need to have done, therefore they will not sell the tanks, but will lease.

The City is working on a financial plan now to work out all the numbers. The total cost of the project would be around 35 million dollars. The original cost of the plant was about that much money; however, this would be doubling the capacity. There would be a lot of taxes over the next 20 years that would help pay for this increase. Currently the city did not foresee asking the citizens for an increase in sewer rates with the plans that were in place. It was stated that it would become one of the largest sewer plants in the State.

3. Industrial Park Sewer.

A while back the City had asked for permission to do a request for engineering services. There was a list of engineering tasks for the industrial treatment sewer. The team scored the engineers and Forsgreen came out on top however HDR was really close in score to Forsgreen, but Forsgreen will be used of the project. Forsgreen will create a plan that can be worked in phases to build to get the plant up to the size that will be needed. It was explained that getting parts right now will be a challenge. It was stated that the companies would want to be up and running before we could finish the wastewater expansion and that they might have to ask the companies to hold on for a bit to finish the work on the expansion.

It was stated with the new companies coming, four businesses are expected, and all the houses being built it has been hard to keep up with the growth. It was explained that the BDA would carry the bond and could make the project happen with the existing revenue.

4. Industrial Wastewater biogas.

The City met with Honeywell to talk about biogas. The city has been interested in this hoping to offset the money that it will take to expand the Industrial Plant. Mark stated that he would send out the slide decks from this presentation to help the council understand this project. It is expected that with the biogas we could create a green energy that we could sell, Honeywell expects that the City could make a million or a million and a half a year to offset the cost for expanding the Industrial Plant. San Diego has just recently started creating this biogas. The city hopes to go to San Diego and look at the new plant and talk to the people at the plant of San Diego and learn if this would be a good project for the City of Burley. It was stated that at the end of the month Honeywell would be coming through Burley and at that time we would set up a time for City of Burley employees to go to San Diego. This would give us a better idea of the cost and what type of benefits could be had from producing this green energy.

5. Airport Update.

It was stated that the City is working on getting letters of support from business from Cassia County and Minidoka County. Once the letters of support have been obtained the City would like to sit down with the both Counties and get support from them. The City then plans to talk to the Legislatures of our area and ideally the City would like to sit down with the Legislatures

before they head to Boise to be in session. If the City can gain all this support, then there would be a good chance of moving forward with the airport and having success. There was a discussion about the property owners and how to treat them fairly through this process. It was stated that bringing Rick in to talk to the property owners to help them understand the steps that must take place would be helpful.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.