

City of Burley
Public Works Committee Meeting
October 21, 2022, 9 am
City Hall Conference Room

Attendance

Janet Hansen
Jon Anderson
Dustin Raney
David Waldron
Cari Burgess
Mark Mitton
Carol Anderson
Bryan Reiter
Stegen Phillips
John Craner

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1. Local Improvement Districts

It was explained that the LID's have been done for sidewalks, driveways, and stairs. We stopped doing stairs but allow for the homeowner to get concrete for anything that is flat. The process of how one gets into the LID's were discussed and explained.

It was stated that under Idaho State Law there is no liability for the City. However, several of the citizen's that had their sidewalk and driveway done in the past few years have run into problems. Several pictures were shown of driveways with cracks and other problems. These citizen's want the city to fix their problems with the concrete. It was explained that the citizen is given information upfront about the fact that concrete will crack eventually and how to maintain their concrete. The citizen does not seem to remember these discussions and it is taking a lot of time for the Engineer and City Administrator to deal with these problems.

The committee discussed the importance of having the sidewalks done in the city and they discussed doing away with driveways and other projects including approaches to the homes and only allowing for sidewalks. It was discussed that fewer people will sign up and fewer will participate but that it would save time for the city employees. It was discussed that that the citizen gets a letter in the future letting them know that the concrete is covered under a warranty for the first year, but any problems need to be managed with the contractor and not the city.

It was stated that the citizens that are complaining now we can be sympathetic with the problem, but it is not our problem, and we would not accept the responsibility.

2. Discussion of Industrial Plant expansion

It was explained that a couple of big projects have recently been started in the city and that the expansion of the industrial plant needs to be started to get ahead of the projects. The scope of work that was done two years ago, is still good, however the cost has gone up. This needs to be started so that these projects can start.

It was explained that the industrial plant is now full, and we will need to expand. However, it was also discussed that the companies are dragging their feet to sign the commitment letters but then when they are set to go, they want the city to be ready and the city will need longer than their building project to get up to speed.

There was a lengthy discussion of the municipal plant and the industrial plant the need for lift station and where the wastewater lines would run. They also discussed what projects would go to the municipal plant and what projects would go to the industrial plant. They discussed some of the changes that companies have made to improve the waste being sent to the industrial plant. There was also a discussion of the biogas and if the city was still going to move forward with this concept.

3. Road Right of Way 16th Street

A map was shown of some property that is adjacent to property that the City owns next to the cemetery. The property is the right of way property to the road. The history of the ownership of the property was explained. It was stated that the owner would like to now sell the property to the City.

It was explained that the city needs the right of way and that the price is reasonable. It was stated that City Administrator can talk to the property owner and proceed with the purchase of the property.

4. Sanitation Fee Increase

It was explained that it was necessarily a fee increase but a change to the way the roll offs would be charged. The price of the roll off was mentioned along with two dumps per month for the container. It was stated that the land fees are changing and increasing for the dumps. The sanitation manager would like to stop charging for the rental of the bins.

It was stated that the rental fee helps with getting projects done and getting the bins back to the city for use by another. It was discussed that they could lower the fee for the second month but that the fee needs to be part of the process to ensure that the bins will not just be sitting with the contractors for longer times than necessary. It was stated that the bins are expensive and the revenue from the rental is needed to help off set the costs for the bins.

Because the Sanitation Manager was unable to be to the meeting that they would wait to make any changes until he could be to the meeting to explain what changes he would like to make.

5. Utilities and Annexation in Grandview

The Grandview subdivision is now completely an island in the city. All the property around the subdivision is annexed to the city and receives city services. The city would like to annex but there are problems with the subdivision. It will be hard to get the utilities into this subdivision because of the narrow streets and limited ability to put in sewer lines and utilities.

A property was shown of a homeowner that would like to be annexed. The sewer at the property has failed and the homeowner would like to be annexed to the city. It was stated that the homeowner is willing to dedicate the right of way to the city for the city to put in utilities.

It was stated that this would be a workable solution and that homes that are willing to give the city the right of way to put in the utilities could be annexed to the city if they were contiguous to the city, they could be annexed in.

It was explained that the City Attorney had been contacted and was working on an agreement that will work for the homeowner and the city to help with the annexation of these properties.

Meeting adjourned 10:03 AM.