



MINUTES

City Council Work Session & Special Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024

Maupin Civic Center (507 Grant Avenue) and virtually on Zoom

Call to Order / Roll call of City Council and Staff / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Carol Beatty called the regular session meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call of City Council and Staff was conducted by City Recorder Christine Wolfe

Presiding: Mayor Carol Beatty

Council Present: Mark Roper, Rob Miles, Kathy Peck, Shelby Dumire, Tom Troutman

Council Absent: Mike Foreaker

Staff Present: Recorder Wolfe, Administrative Assistant Bronte Dod, City Manager Pro Tem Nick Smith

Visitors Present: Valerie Egon, Troy Baker, Carrie Pipinich, Gail Nelson

Upper Reservoir Water Tank Leak Repair Financing

City Manager Pro Tem Nick Smith presented information about the water system improvements and the leak in the upper reservoir water tank that was detected this fall. Staff and engineers are recommending repairing the tank quickly with loan financing from the Business Oregon Special Public Works Fund. The City has some funds in its Water System Improvement line item to contribute to the repair, but the majority will need to be financed through a loan. The loan will be paid back through user rates.

Staff also needs direction on whether or not to continue pursuing financing for the five priority projects that were going to be included in the Letter of Intent to apply for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

Valerie Egon, Regional Development Officer for Business Oregon, presented information about the financing options.

Councilors and staff discussed timeline of the leak and repair, temporary patching to mitigate the leak, recommendations from the engineers for repair and replacement, recommendations in the Water System Master Plan (2022), and the City's FY 23-24 Water Fund budget. Councilors and staff agreed that the repair and rehabilitation should take place as soon as possible. Financing will likely take a few months. The project will also be included in the LOI for SDWRLF, which has better interest rate options but may not be available as quickly.

Councilors and staff also discussed the impact on water user rates. With the SPWF financing for the water tank leak repair, water user rates will likely increase to around \$40 per month. The new rate would not go into

effect until construction on the project has ended, likely sometime in 2024. The rate increases will cover the debt service that the City will need to take on to complete the project.

They also discussed the requirements of the SDWRLF, which will include rate increases up to around \$70 per month and installing meters at every connection. These rates will not go into effect until construction on projects has ended, like about four years from submitting the LOI. The rate increases will cover the debt service that the City will need to take on to complete the project.

Councilor Miles moved to authorize City Staff to submit an application to the Special Public Works Fund to complete the upper reservoir water tank leak repair and rehabilitation. Councilor Troutman second. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Ayes: Beatty, Roper, Miles, Troutman, Peck, Dumire; Nays: None.

Water System Improvements Financing

Councilor Miles moved to instruct City Staff to amend the Letter of Intent to apply for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to include the upper reservoir water tank leak repair and rehabilitation. Councilor Peck second. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Ayes: Beatty, Roper, Miles, Troutman, Peck, Dumire; Nays: None.

Adjourn

The next meeting will take place on January 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Wolfe, City Recorder

Signed: Carol Beatty
Carol Beatty, Mayor

Attest: Christine Wolfe
Christine Wolfe, City Recorder