

SPECIAL MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006
SPECIAL MEETING: 6:30 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR POPOFF

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Karl Popoff	_____x_____	_____
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	_____x_____	_____
Council Position #2 Don Flynn	_____x_____	_____
Council Position #3 Mark Coltrane	_____x_____	_____
Council Position #4 Michele Martin	_____x_____	_____
Council Position #5 David Alexander	_____x_____	_____
City Administrator Bob Bare	_____x_____	_____
Dyer Engineering Jan Kerbo	_____x_____	_____
CCD Bus. Dev. Corp. Rachel Koski	_____x_____	_____

****NOTE:** Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS: (A)

FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE FOR A WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Rachel Koski, CCD, was introduced and stated she is helping with the funding of the improvement plan and this meeting is for public notice that the city will be applying for funds.

Funding Presentation by Rachel Koski-CCD. Bus. Dev. Corp.

Koski explained the "One Stop Meeting" is a meeting attended by agencies that fund projects and entities that are seeking funds. The ideal situation is that one agency would offer grants and loans for the funding, but that did not happen with Gold Beach's request. Therefore, it would be financed "piece mean" with funding from several sources. Koski presented a slide depicting each agency and how much they would grant or loan.

Environmental Report Overview-Jan Kerbo-Dyer Partnership

Jan Kerbo, Dyer Engineering and Project Manager was introduced and presented a slide show of the "History of Gold Beach Wastewater System".

Kerbo discussed the Riley Creek Wetland Project and explained how it increases the city's standing for low-interest loans. **Scott English**, Restoration Biologist with Northwest Biological Consulting spoke briefly on the merits of the Riley Creek Wetlands Project.

One slide presented noted that the average bill for sewer, at the current level of funding is estimated at \$60 to \$68 per month. In response to **Popoff's** question, **Kerbo** stated the estimated cost is based upon today's level of usage but it was her understanding that there are about 200 on the waiting list and that would change the actual cost per customer.

Martin stated how outrageous a sewer bill of that amount would be and asked if there were avenues that could be explored in an effort to reduce this charge, such as stretching the loan out over a longer length of time. The council concurred and agreed it would be a hardship on a lot of people.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Jim Freedman - 94253 Gauntlett ST - asked questions regarding whether the new plant would be primary or secondary and if the system could be upgraded 20 years from now.

Kerbo-Yes, the plant will be secondary and yes it could be upgraded but one would have to consider costs and current laws at the time of the upgrade.

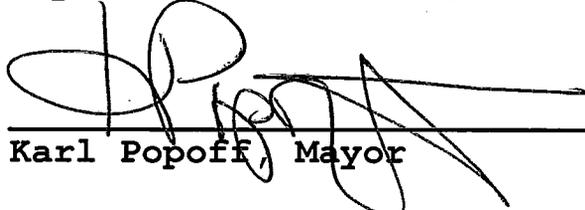
Bill Matthey - 94257 First ST - stated he would email his comments to the city.

Johnson stated the city will not only have to raise rates but the city should make every effort to cut costs and expenses through the budgeting process. A concerted effort must be made to increase the amount of the payment from the general fund to the water and sewer funds. This will, in turn, help reduce the charges to the users.

Alexander stated the city is fortunate to have staff that is able to patch things up and keep things operating. The council concurred.

ADJOURNED at 7:22 P.M.

Approved by the City Council on 12/11/06.



Karl Popoff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robert Bare, City Administrator

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