

CITY OF BAYFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
March 6, 2015

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9:03 a.m. at Fire Hall. Present: Don Albrecht, Mel Whiteside, and Jim Bryan; City employees Tom Kovachevich and Nick Wszalek; David Eades. Vincent Kelly and Gene Brevold excused. M/Whiteside S/Albrecht to approve agenda. Approved. Minutes from February 6, 2015 meeting approved on a motion Whiteside S/Albrecht. No public input was offered on the agenda.

1. Solar Options, Roger Aiken

Representing the Bay Area Energy Forum, Roger Aiken presented concepts for several City solar initiatives including at the Greater Bayfield Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pavilion and gazebo, Fire Hall, and selected other facilities. He explained the net meter credit, kilowatt hour potentials, payback projections, solar capacities, advantages and disadvantages of a solar initiative for our area.

2. Old Business

- a. *Historic Street Project* -- nothing new
- b. *2015 Water Main Extension* -- M/Whiteside S/Albrecht to recommend approval of the low bid from A-1Excavating of \$742,108 pending final review by Strand Engineering. Motion carried.
- c. *Jeff Howe 8th Street driveway* -- building plans are being drawn
- d. *PSC* -- *water rates for seasonal customers* -- ongoing work; no new information.

3. Public Works Director & Utility Operator Report

Early indication that Nick Wszalek may be leaving the area and might tender his resignation was met with both positive support for him and his family, but displeasure at the possible loss of the fine ongoing work he's done for the City.

4. NWRPC biannual paving rating project

M/Whiteside S/Albrecht to approve the proposal from Northwest Regional Planning Commission to implement the rating of streets using the PASER system at a cost of \$831 (same rate as 2013). Carried.

5. PSC Report-- Despite the enormous progress on minimizing water loss by improving City infrastructure over the past several yeas, the 2014 annual report to the Public Service Committee will show a loss well in excess of the 25% threshold (our rate for 2014 was 36%). Statewide, many other communities faced the same situation -- frozen underground pipes during last year's bitterly cold winter -- has skewed water loss reports.

6. Set next meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting set for 9 a.m. Friday, April 17 at the Fire Hall.

Adjournment: M/Albrecht S/Whiteside. Motion approved at 10:00 a.m.