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SPECIAL MEETING – WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE
OF
March 7, 2016
Noon

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

- PRESIDING:** Mayor Stephen Lawrence
- COUNCIL PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Tim McGlothlin, Taner Elliott, Linda Miller, Dan Spatz
- COUNCIL ABSENT:** none
- STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, City Engineer Dale McCabe
- CONSULTANTS:** Todd Peterson of Mortonsen Construction, Preston Van Meter and Michael Humm of Kennedy Jenks, Charles Brucker Place Studios

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Public Works Director Dave Anderson introduced the consultants. Charles Brucker of Place Studios began the presentation reviewing the three options for screening the plant (see attached).

Following a discussion regarding various materials and graffiti removal it was the consensus of the Council that Option 2 was the preferred option and that Council would like community input for the design of the mural.

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Mr. Brucker said a taskforce could bring three options to the community to build consensus. Mr. Brucker summarized the desire of Council:

Fence and pucks

Examine heights

Concentrated scheme

Engage the public

Place on the plant side of the railroad tracks

Preston VanMeter of Kennedy Jenks reviewed the plant upgrade. He said the original plan had been estimated at \$13 million. They had addressed some issues and added carbon diversion. He said that the first two phases would be needed in five to seven years at a cost of approximately \$12.7 million.

He said the pilot testing had tested all three technologies, for five days and all had good removal results. Preston reviewed the benefits of carbon diversion and potential energy savings of \$50,000. He said there were potential incentives, such as Energy RED Grants and Biomass tax credits and an opportunity to accept outside feedstock to regenerate energy.

He said there was additional cost to the project to include carbon diversion process, however, there was potential for revenue generation in the form of tipping fees.

In response to a question, Public Works Director Anderson said the first part of the project would be to update population estimates.

The Mayor asked about sewer rates saying he felt the community was depending on Council to keep their rates down. Anderson said he anticipated they would stay the same. He said that reserves had been built to fund the project and at the current rate \$1.5 to \$2 million per year was going into reserves. He said by phasing the project over two years it would be possible to fund the immediate needs without rate increases. Anderson said that would allow time to build reserves for future needs. In response to a question he said reserves are currently being used for the wastewater treatment plant.

The Mayor asked if the Google impact had been taken into account. Anderson said Google 1 and 2 are already in and Phase 3 was anticipated.

VanMeter said there were parts that of Phase 2 that needed to be out further in the project to allow for incentives and could be moved out further if necessary.

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It was the consensus of the Council to move forward on the cogeneration and plant upgrade project asking staff to bring back a detailed plan of how the project would be paid for.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, City Clerk