

Ray Perry welcomed everyone in the audience and called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. He introduced Bruce Rawls from Spokane County who will be talking about the sewer project and Dave Moss whose topic is the new water reclamation facility.

Bruce began by giving a history of the sewer program that was started in 1980. The final phase of the sewer program will be completed in the next two years with the elimination of septic systems in the Valley. He displayed a map that showed the current projects costing \$20 ½ million for this year & \$12 ½ to 13 million in projects for next year. Because the County became concerned about sewer capacity in 2003, they suspended the sewer connection requirement. However this year the County put back in place the mandatory sewer connection. The question was asked concerning cost of connecting to the sewer. Bruce stated that the costs of connection were changed from basing it on the land area to winter water consumption. The cost for connection is approximately \$5920 based on one equivalent residential unit set by the County Commissioners. The monthly fee is \$48.60. Additional sewer stubs cost \$500.00. Again the fees are based on consumption not acreage or frontage.

There was question from the audience on credits regarding cleanup of the river. Bruce gave an overview of the phosphorus issue, nitrogen and the amount of oxygen in the river. Studies were done on the river and the phosphorus limits were set so low that no one can meet the requirements. So the Department of Ecology set a delta mark on how to meet the requirements. The consultant working for the County felt that the elimination of the septic tanks would help meet the requirements. Based on the system set by the Department of Ecology, the County would have excess credits that, hopefully, could be used by Inland Paper Company in order for them to meet the delta mark. Base year used for the study was 2001. The County is in discussion with Inland Paper Company regarding this question. Questions were raised about aeration in Long Lake. Bruce Rawls said that this may be a way to deal with the problem. Discussion was had about the residences in the Suncrest area and the amount of phosphorus that comes from this development that leaches into Long Lake.

Dave Moss then gave a slide presentation of the regional water reclamation facility. He gave highlights of the planning to date and show how the reclamation facility will incorporate the state-of-the-art treatment technology. He showed a site layout plan of the facility with slides of the various buildings and the conveyance system. He then showed a plan of the anticipated project schedule with the currently anticipated costs. Then he presented information on the potential uses and sites for reclaimed water.

Steve Worley was asked to give a report on the city 2010 road construction projects. He handed out a list of the construction projects. One project will be the restriping of Broadway from Pines to Park. The concrete replacement of Sprague/Sullivan will shut down the intersection for three weeks. Broadway

Avenue reconstruction will go to bid shortly and will include a roundabout at the Flora intersection. The Indiana Avenue extension will be done this summer with a roundabout connecting with Flora. Broadway/Sullivan concrete intersection replacement will start in April. Dr. Rudy asked a question of Steve regarding the one way/two way of Sprague Avenue. At the last council meeting the city attorney outlined the options regarding this matter. This question is on hold at the moment.

Mr. Perry said the next meeting will have County Commissioner Richard as the speaker. He thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

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