

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

The Town Council of the Town of Wheatland held at workshop at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 18, 2009 in the Council Room of the Town Hall for the purpose of discussion on a proposed settlement agreement with DEQ, Interim Planning Director Position, 19th & 20th Street Sewer line and evaluation process training.

Mayor Hensel called the workshop to order and members present were; Councilmen Madsen, Shoemaker and Evans, Councilwoman Sluss. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Kahler, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Sandy Lipps and Building Inspector Steve Snook

Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler reported that she, Russ Schamel and Gary Lipps had attended a settlement meeting with the Clean Air Division of the DEQ in reference to a "notice of violation" that occurred on February 9, 2009. The DEQ had issued the NOV and the Town had requested a settlement meeting to avoid prosecution. She stated that after a 2 1/2 hour meeting, the parties agreed on the following steps to be taken by the Town;

1. Do a complete evaluation of the sludge in Cell #1 to determine if there is any overload. The evaluation needs to be done by Dr. Richard, and if the evaluation determines that there is an overload the Town will be responsible for dredging it.
- 2, Intensive Management System- revise the current operations and maintenance manual to include daily testing and recording of dissolved oxygen. The testing should enable the operators to adjust the re-circulation and aerators to maintain a health algae growth. (Algae die off is what causes the serious odor issues).
3. Different aeration system.
4. Penalty- \$2400.00 to a community project the DEQ approves of.

The Town has to submit an application for the new aeration system before the end of February and have it installed by the end of May 2010. We are anticipating the sludge evaluation being done in 60 days.

The preliminary agreement will be sent to the Town as a formal document, and the Attorney will review it before it comes to the Council for approval.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler reported that County Clerk, Dixon had requested the Town pay Dennis Becker \$500.00 a month in addition to his County Salary while he is filling the position of Planner. The Council were in agreement that it would be fine to pay Mr. Becker the \$500.00.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Kahler reported that Mr. Rooter (the company that Fred Smith works for) will be putting a sleeve pipe in the sewer line between 19th & 20th Street and re-tapping all of the

residences for \$58,500.00. She stated that it will be significantly cheaper to sleeve the existing line as put a new one in the street and re-route all the laterals, re-tap as some of them will require lift stations.

Councilman Evans reported that a training team will come from Salt Lake, with Mike Swallow being one of the trainers. He stated they have verbally quoted him a figure of \$4900.00, however, he didn't have anything in writing. He stated that the computer has been installed in the basement of Town Hall and the trainers would input all the job descriptions and other pertinent data, as well as the software to do evaluations. Councilman Madsen stated that he felt the Council should consider either a 3% or 4% across the board raise right now and use the evaluations as a baseline (starting point) for next July. He presented cost figures on both 3% and 4% raises and recommended a 3% at this time, effective the end of August. He stated that the people that are capped out would receive a lump sum check and everybody else would receive it on their base salary. The Council agreed to give the employees a three percent raise at this time.

Mayor Hensel stated that all the items had been discussed and the workshop was concluded at 5:44 P.M..