

TOWN OF NACHES STUDY SESSION MINUTES
September 10, 2018

Present:

Mayor Williams
Councilwoman Hawver
Councilman Weekes
Councilman Hawver
Councilwoman Williams

Absent:

Council Position No. 2 Vacant

Others in Attendance: Clerk Birrueta and Mike Shinn Attorney. Admin. Ranger not in attendance due to illness.

Staff Report

Clerk Birrueta, provided the staff report.

Complete Streets

a) Staff submitted the applications, staff received response back from 5 agencies requesting for staff to submit additional information on their own forms for nominations. The funding request is for phase III of the complete streets lighting project. Funding notification is expected late 2018.

Allan Bros Wastewater Proposal

b) Allan Bros, Inc. is working with Ted Pooler from HLA to provide a study to the Department of Ecology. Staff is working with the engineers and Allan Bros., Inc. to allow a testing discharge of industrial wastewater to the Town of Naches Waste Water Treatment Plant. The test will be complete sometime this month.

Street Sealcoat Project

c) TIB- funded the Town for overlay sealcoat of McDowell and Marvin Streets. The Chip-Seal was completed on September 4th by Yakima County. Staff is waiting on invoices from Yakima County to submit for reimbursement through TIB.

d) Budget Schedule for 2019: Clerk Birrueta, has been working on the 2019 budget. Clerk Birrueta proposes a 1% rate increase on water and 2% increase in sewer. The rate increase in water will give that fund a total of \$2160.00 in additional revenue. The sewer increase will

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give \$6250.00 additional revenue for that fund. Additional revenues include 6 new water hook-ups and 6 new sewer hook-ups of residential billing.

Yakima Waste Systems
Recycle Bins

- e) Keith Kovalenko with Yakima Waste Systems is here to speak regarding the recycle drop site program.
- f) State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the Town of Naches Grant Agreement. The TIB has developed a grant program, Relight Washington, to provide funding for the conversion of standard streetlights to LED lighting, for eligible cities and town. The Town will save approximately \$2500.00 a year by converting all the PacifiCorp posts to LED lighting.

Public Works

A Public Works Staff is working on regular maintenance, road sealing streets and painting parking stripes and crosswalks. Public Works Staff helped prepared for Sportsman's Days.

Review Vouchers &
Treasurer report

Staff provided the vouchers to Council and reviewed the list for August 22, second payment and the vouchers dated September 10, 2018.

Other Business

None

Yakima Waste Systems
Recycle Bins

Keith Kovalenko with Yakima Waste Systems gave his presentation during Study Session. Mr. Kovalenko spoke about the China Sword Policy which is effecting the recycling program all around the valley offered by Yakima Waste Systems and how is effecting everyone not just them. The recycle drop box on the Eastside of the Town of Naches. Mr. Kovalenko explain how the U.S. recycling is facing a time of challenge and uncertainty how recycling requires an end market for recyclable materials, China further disrupted market by halting the import of ALL recyclables from May to June and how alternate markets have also been disrupted following China's ban, ports are overflowing and supply is at an all-time high. As a result Yakima Waste Systems has spent more than \$150,000.00 over budget trying to keep up with the recycling programs around the Valley. Mr. Kovalenko is requesting for the Town to reconsider the agreement and remove the recycling drop boxes on the eastside of Town. Councilmembers spoke their concerns of removing the drop boxes and asked for Yakima Waste to offer alternatives to that program. Mr. Kovalenko said that they do offer a recycling

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program is based on customer requests only and it'll be billed directly to that customer the Town doesn't need to be involve.

Adjourn; 6:30 p.m.

The Study Session closed at 6:30 p.m.

Paul Williams, Mayor

Elvira Birrueta, Clerk Treasurer