

TOWN OF NACHES STUDY SESSION MINUTES
April 12, 2021

Present:

Mayor Williams
Councilwoman, Williams
Councilman Weekes
Councilman Henning
Councilwoman Hawver
Via Zoom Councilman
Hawver

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Town Attorney Shinn, Clerk Birrueta. Admin. Ranger was excused absent.

Staff Report

Clerk Birrueta presented the Staff Report.

WWTP/ Upgrade

- a) Phase I wastewater treatment plant improvements, with funding from Yakima County SIED grant/loan program: the construction company is on site and the demo has begun. Once the project is at about 50% complete the Town will receive the grant portion of the SIED funding from Yakima County. Staff is still working on the USDA Rural Development application and staff has signed form RD 1940-1 request for obligation of funds the intent of this form is for the State to set those funds aside for the Town of Naches. Staff will continue to comply with the requirements outlined in a letter of conditions. This application is to complete phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Once all the conditions are met the Town Council will have the final approval or disapproval of the Grant/Loan. Staff has included a project breakdown for review and study it includes the admin. Costs, construction, contingency, engineering, design, cons. Admin. Int. finance. The Financial Obligation of the Town is the Loan of \$2,361,000 and \$109,000 to be paid upfront. The grant portion is \$1,996,000 considerations are rate hike for sewer users, any costs overruns would be reapplied to USDA all grant. The Town of Naches costs are capped. Can be repaid

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early. Stimulus of approximate \$184K to repay existing USDA loan. The Town has approximate 11 new sewer users of new construction when those new users are active staff can start the require reserve fund. USDA requires for the Town to have a year worth of repayment funds in reserves. The reserve required is \$82,000 the Town has to reserve this amount in the first 10 years for the loan in monthly basis transfer. Staff has also submitted an application through Earmark Request for WWTP Phase II through an Infrastructure to Congress Dan Newhouse for possibility of funding, staff knows is a long shot but worth trying.

Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure

- b) The Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure Transportation Alliance (evita). Grant funding from PacifiCorp.
- c) Staff is working with PacifiCorp on various possibilities of power rebates. Pump and VRD (existing), New pump VRD (new), Lighting Park and Ride Grant. Wastewater Treatment Plant phase I and phase II.
- d) WSDOT Traffic study will include Cleman's View Park crossing this summer/fall.
- e) The Town of Naches is eligible for Federal Stimulus Funds to be determined approximate 184K, Staff if planning to payoff existing USDA Bond on the WWTP. The announcement says the funds might come through on a 2 year period.
- f) Staff is working on renovating the Art Deco building, updating the stucco and lighting.
- g) Washington State Fire Management Assistance Grant program for Well No. 3 generator. Staff submitted the application and is waiting to hear back.
- h) Regional Mobility Grant (completed and submitted) Staff submitted an application to WSDOT for improvements at Cleman's View Park. Adding parking stalls, prioritized spaces for vanpool, bicycle-parking facility and installing four security cameras. Staff received an update on the submitted application. The project made it to the list of priority funding through the legislature. WSDOT is anticipating that the projects selected for funding will be announced toward the end of the legislative session.
- i) Admin. Ranger was contacted by Olympia for a Capital Budget Request Application submittal within a 24 hours period. Admin. Ranger worked with Staff and submitted an application for the Naches Event Center and Court Rehabilitation at Cleman's View Sports Park. The Capital request from the Town total \$442,000.00 funding will renovate the existing Naches Events Center to meet

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current building code, ADA requirements, and meet the needs of the community. The project will also rehabilitate the existing tennis courts to repair damage and encourage recreational opportunities for the Town of Naches and surrounding communities.

- j) Admin. Ranger also submitted an emergency request for Naches Urban Growth Boundary to Yakima County. The request was approved from the County.
- k) Staff is also working on Shoreline Master Program Update. The Town has a contract agreement with Y.V.C.O.G for the update process. Jeff Watson from YVCOG drafted the Shoreline Master Program Update and submitted to Ecology. The Draft update is requiring so many changes from Ecology therefore it is not available for reviewing until further notice.
- l) Staff is still waiting to hear on the delivery of the lawn mower.
- m) Cleman's View Park- Hydro-seed to start around the 20th of April. Initial Demo of the Clubhouse. Working on a mowing contract with Upper Valley Little League for mowing the baseball fields.

- Naches Fire Station the occupancy permit was issued and they have moved to the new building.
- Dollar General close to being done.

Public Works

- Public Works working on regular maintenance, irrigation and wastewater 2 exams.

Review Vouchers & Treasurer report

Clerk Birrueta, gave the voucher report dated March 19, 2021, vouchers dated April 12, 2021, financial report for the month of March 2021.

Other Business

None

Adjourn; 6:24 p.m.

The Study Session closed at 6:24 p.m.

Paul Williams, Mayor

Elvira Birrueta, Clerk/Treasurer