

**TOWN OF NACHES STUDY SESSION MINUTES**  
**July 11, 2022**

**Present:**

Mayor Williams  
Councilman Henning  
Councilman Weekes  
Councilwoman Williams  
Councilwoman Hawver  
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**Absent:**

Others in Attendance: Town Attorney Shinn, Admin. Ranger and Clerk Birrueta.

**Staff Report**

Admin. Ranger, presented the Staff Report.

**WWTP/ Upgrade**

- a) Phase I wastewater treatment plant improvements, with funding from Yakima County SIED grant/loan. Contractor has installed all the equipment is in full operation. Contractor is working on removing the existing belt filter press. The Town is to receive a higher rebate from PacifiCorp than anticipated.

**WWTP/ Upgrade Phase 2**

- b) Phase 2 of the project with USDA funding in the process of grant/loan obligation. Phase 2 scheduled in the staff report. Clerk Birrueta is working diligent with the bond counsel. All the documents have been prepared for a dry closing of the bond, no funds can be withdrawn until a construction contract has been awarded and signed.

**Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure**

- c) The Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure Transportation Alliance (evita). Grant funding from PacifiCorp. Energy Northwest signed the agreement to reimburse the Town for the costs of the charging station. Pacific Power has granted the permit for the power crossing to the charging station.
- d) 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. Staff signed the first

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- rebate from PaciCorp Energy Rebate Program for phase I. The Town will receive approximately \$29,000.00 when the project is completed and in full operation.
- Park & Ride: Regional Mobility Grant
- Cleman's View Park- Naches Event Center
- Public Works
- e) Construction being done by American Rock Products, parking lot is paved. American Rock Products has resumed work. Sidewalks are completed. Estimated completion August 2022.
  - f) Admin. Ranger was awarded the \$442,000 that is for the rehab of the courts and rehab the building. Staff is working with subcontractors for the construction of the event center. The interior is about 95% complete, working exterior painting the weather looks great this week and the painter is scheduled to paint later this week. Working on the ADA ramp access for the building and deck. Estimated completion the end August.
  - g) Post Office Master approached the Town through a program on CBU's within the Town, there's areas where the mail service is having issues going through to drop the mail. The post master has purchased 2 CBU's and wants to work with the Town and place them in those areas, the Town will have to do the concrete work to place them. The Town agrees to consolidate the mail service for safety reasons and concerns. Depending on the results the post master plans to purchase more.
  - h) WSDOT traffic study on US12/CVP crossing staff and engineers are looking into different funding options for safe highway crossing to the park.
  - i) Admin. Ranger Urban Growth Area: Staff is still waiting to hear a response from the Yakima County Commissioners.
  - j) Legislative Capital Budget Request for a hydraulic stage to be used for Naches Event Center. Staff has signed the contract with Department of Commerce. Staff will start submitting for reimbursement once it's uploaded in the Department of Commerce website.
  - k) Clerk Birrueta has been working with the bond counsel for the USDA Loan/Grant to complete phase 2 of the wastewater treatment plant.
  - l) Public Works have been working with the new equipment of phase I wastewater treatment plant. Public Works they are also working on placing the new rock at the Depot Park are.
  - m) Admin. Ranger announced that he is planning to cash out

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some of his vacation hours this year to alleviate a bigger pay out when he decides to retire.

- n) Pacific Corp is looking into granting the permit to the Town for the Christmas Lights poles. Once that's completed, staff will start the Art Deco building project of renovating.

Review Vouchers &  
Treasurer report

Clerk Birrueta, gave the Treasury report for the month of June. Vouchers dated June 22, 2022 Second Payment and Vouchers dated July 11, 2022.

Other:

None

Adjourn: 6:16 pm

With no other business to discuss the Study Session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Paul Williams, Mayor

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Elvira Birrueta, Clerk/Treasurer