

CITY OF GENESEE

CITY COUNCIL

January 24, 2019

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

4:00 PM

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

WORKSHOP: MOUNTAIN WATERWORKS PRESENTATION PROJECT

Mountain Waterworks will be presenting options for the wastewater improvement project to the Genesee City Council during an informational workshop held at Genesee City Hall on January 24, 2019 at 4:00pm. The public is encouraged to attend. There will be time allotted at the end of the presentation for discussion and questions from the public.

Present at the Workshop: Mayor, Steve Odenborg, Council Members, Ryan Banks, Art Lindquist and Edie McLachlan, Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Brinkly, Deputy City Clerk Debi Zenner, Ryan Rehder-Mountain Waterworks, Cody Bailey, Michael Camin-DEQ, Derek Johnson, Jay Roach, Stuart Hurley, Cody Sprague, Randy Hall, Earl Bennett, Bill Hartley, Steven Schramm, Bill Krick and Ron Zenner.

Ryan Rehder, from Mountain Waterworks, had a prepared power point presentation and questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.

Ryan Rehder spoke about the background information on why this is happening. The City's current facility cannot meet the new restrictions on Ammonia Limits, (seasonal) Phosphorus and Temperature limits. DEQ is requiring all lagoons need to be lined, so there is no seepage or leakage into the groundwater.

There was a groundwater study done many years ago. The secondary review did not pass the DEQ standards, looking at all groundwater around the lagoon for wastewater contaminates. New seepage tests can cost 10-20K and groundwater hydrology impact assessments can cost 100K.

The reality is, the City of Genesee needs to come into compliance by 2023.

The City was fined \$17,800 in 2013, and \$30K in 2018. DEQ is willing to help and work with us to find the cheapest solution.

The City will need to install two treatment lagoons—lining the existing lagoon, which would have to be raised two feet above ground water, making 3 lagoon cells required.

The City also cannot build in the floodplain, where the lagoon is currently, requiring the City acquire other property. There was discussion about a possible land exchange with a farmer, who would have sufficient ground the City could use.


We have the option of a 50% land application for approximately 5.5 million dollars, not including the cost or lease of additional property or 100% land application for approximately 7 million, not including the cost or lease of additional property.

Lots of discussion regarding a good place the City might put a new lagoon system and what options were feasible for the City.

Workshop ended at 6:45pm.

Attached is Ryan's power point presentation.


Steve Odenborg, Mayor


Debi Zenner, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer