

Depoe Bay City Council/Gleneden Sanitary District Board
Annual Joint Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 4:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: GSD: Chair Brad Baines, Jack Chiavario, Pete Erickson, Monte Arehart
City: Mayor Carol Connors, Pete Cameron, Dorinda Goddard (ar 4:04 pm), Skip Hoitink,
Barbara Leff, Ted Lewis

ABSENT: Dan Zimmerman

STAFF: Superintendent Mark Snyder, City Field Supervisor Brady Weidner, Wastewater Plant
Operator Gary Walls, City Recorder P. Murray

Mayor Connors called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and established a quorum of City Council and District Board members.

WASTEWATER FLOWS

Murray clarified that this item was on the agenda at Gleneden's request. Snyder reported that during the last rain storm (January) the district had a minor spill, spent time looking for inflow problems and discovered one house where stormwater was going into the sewer system. Walls reported that on January 17th there was record flow at the treatment plant of near 2 million gallons, and 1.4 million gallons was from Gleneden. The Vista Lift Station was handling the flow, but the line to the harbor couldn't so the city discharged approximately 240,000 gallons into the ocean to avoid a spill into the harbor. The issue needs to be addressed to avoid the potential of DEQ fines in the future. One way could be to increase line size. He noted that while there was not record rainfall during the January rainstorm, there was record high flow into the treatment plant. Arehart reported that he had visited Fogarty Creek during the recent rain storm and there was no problem there, the manhole was high and dry. Snyder said the district has taken steps to address inflow and is planning on additional preventive measures.

Lewis asked Walls to speak to daily flows. Walls referred to the Agreement Recitals "...the District may discharge 400,000 gallons per day (gpd) of average flow and 800,000 gpd of peak flow to the Depoe Bay interceptor pump stations and lines, and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) for treatment and disposal;", noting that the 400,000 gpd has been exceeded by Gleneden 76 times since August 2007, which was when the Fogarty Creek Station meter went online. Snyder said volumes have increased since the Agreement was entered into and the district has an ongoing program of finding and fixing inflow and infiltration (I & I). Walls agreed that the main cause of high flows/exceeding the allowed gpd is rain, but it has also happened during a 4th of July weekend.

Walls reported that during the city's recent DEQ permit review the WWTP is now classed as a Level 3, which requires a Level 3 Plant Operator. He plans to be testing for that certification in the near future. The reason for the upgrade to Level 3 is due to population served and new technology, processes and requirements in treatment (the Beach Act).

Discussion ensued on working together to address I & I, educating homeowners on the impacts of flows (expensive improvements to the collection system and treatment plant), smoke testing and TVing to locate broken lines and/or illegal activities (ie; directing stormwater into the sewer system), initiating a joint program (GSD has smoke test equipment, City has TV equipment), methods and costs of in-line repairs, informing the public of the testing program. The City Council agreed to place the matter of smoke testing lines and review of sewer ordinances on an upcoming council meeting agenda.

ITEMS FROM DENNIS L. BARTOLDUS LETTER (January 12, 2012)

Connors referred to the Bartoldus letter and said she has served on the Wastewater Advisory Committee, which met without issues that were brought forth in the letter. She does not think this group should mandate how the Advisory Committee operates or conducts its meetings. Arehart said the Committee could meet at various places, location shouldn't make any difference. Connors said that the Committee met at the WWTP so Plant Operators could attend, provide a report, and return to their duties. Chiavario voiced his frustration at not discussing issues which were the purpose of this meeting. Others present responded that discussing flow issues is important since it affects everyone. Baines said that failing to address flow issues may result in fines, huge future improvement expenses and rate increases.

Goddard suggested the next Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting be held at the WWTP and to include a tour of the treatment facility. It was confirmed by committee members present that the 1st Monday of each quarter is a good schedule for committee meetings. The next committee meeting will be scheduled on April 2, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Mayor Carol Connors/Chair Brad Baines

Pery Murray, City Recorder