



**CITY OF ILWACO
Water System Discussion
Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

A. Call to Order

Mayor Cassinelli called the workshop to order at 1:01 p.m.

B. Present: Councilmembers: Jon Chambreau and Gary Forner; City Engineer Nancy Lockett, Gray & Osborne; Cathi Read, Department of Commerce; Teresa Walker, Department of Health; Nadia Gardner, Columbia Land Trust; Water Plant Operators, Daryl Gardner and Dennis Schweizer; Citizens: Gail Moore; Treasurer Elaine McMillan, and Mark Mazeski, Department of Health.

C. Discussion

- 1. Status report on projects** – The proposal to purchase the filter directly as part of a re-bid of the water plant filter was reviewed by Nancy. The filter could be purchased directly or an assignable contract could be negotiated. She explained that doing this would allow the city to have more control over the filter purchase and start the 20 week lead time on the manufacturing of the filter. She explained the idea to break out the replacement of the SCADA at the plant as a part of a separate bigger project to replace all of the telemetry. Cathi agreed to see if the Public Works Trust fund could fund a project like that which would be joint water and sewer. Nancy agreed to attend a workshop to further discuss the direct purchase of the filter on Monday, March 24th at 5pm. The backwash basin will be re-bid as a small works project in April. Teresa asked to be sent a copy of the plans. The Indian Creek Reservoir is complete. Teresa expressed the need for a chlorine analyzer. Since the analyzer would be tied into telemetry it was mentioned that it could possibly be tied into the bigger project. The City Center reservoir project is almost complete. Nadia Gardner explained her pro-bono work to develop a proposal for the city to utilize the remaining \$15,000 of watershed protection grant funds that were awarded. The funds would be used to do an appraisal of the water shed timber. If it were determined that there is value in the timber, approximately \$20,000 would be needed to negotiate a deal to 1) buyout the logging rights on the main stream with a loan and 2) have the timber logged to pay back the loan. The idea would be to have no impact on ratepayers.
- 2. Water Distribution System** – Dennis reported that the lost water appears to still be high despite the new meter at the Indian Creek Reservoir. A leak detection survey will be done in May to try and isolate leaks. There was no update on BMI's progress on having the backflow device corrected at Eagle's Nest. Teresa asked that Mary Howell be invited to the next meeting.

3. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

D. Adjournment

Mayor Cassinelli adjourned the workshop at 3:15 p.m.

Mike Cassinelli, Mayor

Elaine McMillan, Treasurer