



CITY OF ILWACO
Special Meeting
Private Sewer Lines Workshop
Monday, January 26 2015

A. Call to Order

Mayor Cassinelli called the workshop to order at 5:02 p.m.

B. Present: Councilmembers: David Jensen, Fred Marshall, Jon Chambreau and Gary Forner; Deputy City Clerk Holly Beller. Councilmember Vinessa arrived at 5:56 pm

C. Discussion

Councilmember Fred Marshall led the conversation on private sewer lines, beginning with an explanation that this workshop would focus on the definition and description of existing sewer lines. The workshop and council are not intending to change how existing sewer lines are handled or viewed by the City of Ilwaco at this meeting. Councilmember Marshall then distributed a map of Robert Gray Drive for the council and audience to refer upon, as well as a single map of the city overview with proposed “names” of sewer line locations. Questions from the audience then arose regarding particular areas of sewer lines and how the city intends to name and maintain them. A long time citizen provided the Mayor and Council with a previously unknown map and annexation papers regarding a particular area of the city and sewer lines in question. It was a general consensus of the audience that the community is fearful the council will try to avoid responsibilities (either acknowledged by the city, or not) via the process of definition and therefore damage property owners. Discussion continued between councilmembers regarding the topic of naming the lines, with additional questions pertaining to if the city intends to maintain private sewer lines. It was generally understood that the section of line between a structure and the sewer line in the street is the property owners’ responsibility. Councilmember Jensen commented that it would be helpful to have a historical and future definition of lines, and that the definition is just as important to this discussion as ownership of particular sewer lines are. The Mayor commented that if the city had put in the lines then the city should have the responsibility of maintaining them. The workshop concluded with moving forward the ordinance adopting “Development Standards” in place of “Developer Standards”.

D. Adjournment

Mayor Cassinelli adjourned the workshop at 5:59 p.m.

Mike Cassinelli, Mayor

Holly Beller, Deputy City Clerk