

October 11, 2017  
Joint Cascade City Council & Municipal Utility Board Meeting Minutes

Joint meeting of the Cascade City Council and the Municipal Utility Board was called to order at 5:15p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Recker. Council members Hosch, Kelchen, Knepper, Staner and Recker answered roll call. Mayor Behnken was absent.

Motion by Knepper, second by Staner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Present from the Utility Board were Gavin, Reiter and Gross. Like motion by Gross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gavin to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Also, present was Utility Manager Ron Benke, Utility Clerk Shontele Orr and City Administrator Deanna McCusker.

The main purpose of this joint meeting was to hold a public forum to get information out to the public concerning the public measure that will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. Board Member Gavin questioned the wording in the question being posed to the voters. It says “sewer and water services”, which the Utilities do not run. He sees a real issue with this if the measure would pass. He also thinks it should be included in the question that the current board members will be reappointed to the board. There was a lot of discussion on this and the wording got missed by everyone that reviewed the resolution. The City Administrator will contact the City Attorney and find out how this affects the vote if it should pass. We will get the opinion of the attorney and then hold another joint meeting/public forum.

Due to the questions raised, motion by Staner, second by Kelchen to table the public forum. Motion passes unanimously. Like motion by Gavin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gross to table the public forum. All ayes.

Chairman Reiter told the Council that the Utilities are starting a matrix for tracking outages, length of outages, injuries and customer feedback. He suggested it might be a good thing for Council to start doing.

The downtown underground project was discussed. It will include both sides of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The City will need to budget for some parking lot poles in the alley. Also, if they want to place some decorative poles in residential. Also, we need to look at the downtown and see if adding more poles will help. We will need to know how many poles, how much wire, boring, bases, sidewalks, etc. for budgeting.

With nothing further, motion by Hosch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Staner to adjourn the joint meeting at 5:34p.m. – All ayes.