

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Main Number: (360) 354-3446



### **Public Works Committee Meeting Agenda**

City Hall - 300 Fourth Street

4:00 PM December 06, 2023

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Action Items**

- [1.](#) Approve November 1, 2023 Minutes
2. Bradley Alternatives  
Four final alternatives will be presented at the meeting for consideration.

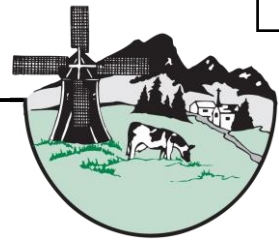
#### **Information Items**

- [3.](#) Bid Results for Supplies - 2024
4. Unified Fee Schedule
- [5.](#) Projects Update

#### **New Business**

#### **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** January 3, 2024



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4:00 PM November 01, 2023  
City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Councilors Gary Bode and Ron DeValois

Members Absent: Jerry Kuiken, with notice

Staff Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; City Administrator John Williams; Public Works Director Jon Hutchings; Programs Manager Mark Sandal; Utilities Technician Jeff Davis, and Office Manager Heather Sytsma

Public Present: Gary Vis, David Vos

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Review Minutes from October 4, 2023

##### Action

*The minutes from October 4, 2023, were recognized and accepted by the Committee.*

#### 2. Proposed 2024 Utility Rate Increases

Hutchings presented an overview of historical rate increases, noting that there have been low to no significant increases in the few years prior to 2023. When the Water Treatment Plant was being constructed, rate increases to the water utility were started ahead of construction to develop a loan repayment fund. This also lessens the potential for larger increases post-project for loan repayment. He would like to do this with the sewer rates as well, as the City will likely pursue loans to fund the expansion of the plant.

Based on historic CPI across the past couple of years and reflecting the recent rates of inflation, Mayor Korthuis has proposed a 7% increase across all rates, with a goal of building some reserves ahead of loan payments.

Bode questioned how the rate structure will push costs of major capital upgrades toward future residents and future industrial users. He noted that the drivers for the proposed WWTP expansion are future industry and that the benefit of these investments will accrue to those future users. Hutchings noted that new connections will generally expand the pool of ratepayers and that additional capital investments are intended to be covered in part by impact fees levied on those who will directly benefit from the upgrades. Discussion ensued about how that concept will apply to Pump State #17 and the Guide Sewer Line Extension. A rate analysis/study in 2024 will sort out those details.

**Action**

***The Committee supported the increase of 7% for all utility rates in 2024 to reflect the increase in the cost of time and materials, and to build a reserve for wastewater treatment plant loan repayments.***

**3. Draft 2024 Development Standards**

Sandal noted that most of the updates to 2024 are updates and corrections or clarifications. Item 4.61.F – planting requirements – is one of the main updates and allows for material other than grass in planting strips. These will be native and drought tolerant.

Williams stated a demonstration area with the plants will be constructed on City hall property by the Community Development and Parks Departments.

**Action**

***The Committee supported the proposed changes. Staff will request a Public Hearing at a November City Council meeting.***

**INFORMATION ITEMS****4. Whatcom Conservation District Interlocal Agreement**

Davis explained that the agreement with Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) is mostly for education/outreach in support of the City's NPDES stormwater permit requirements. Examples of education include pop-up education stations at local parks near the streams, classroom education regarding stormwater and salmon, and booths at RazzFest and the Northwest Washington Fair. He also noted that this year's contract is a decrease of \$10,000 from the 2023 contract.

Bode asked whether the WCD works with other agencies as well. Hutchings stated they are involved with Whatcom County and other local governments. De Valois asked whether they've been effective. Davis said they have been very effective in bringing awareness to Lynden's citizens.

**5. Welch Ecological Services Agreement**

Hutchings stated that this contract is mainly for stormwater program development and reporting for the City's NPDES stormwater permit. Davis explained that Welch's contract lists 12 specific tasks, and that the contract has decreased from 2023 to 2024 as more roles are being undertaken with in-house staffing. Sytsma noted that the City has a \$130,000 grant from Ecology to fund a portion of these services over the next two years.

**6. Jansen Art Center Tree Planting Proposal**

Sandal explained that the proponents waited too long to submit a proposal, and, in the meantime, their volunteer labor became unavailable. They have withdrawn the permit for now.

**7. Projects Update**

The Committee briefly reviewed current projects and received progress information.

**NEW BUSINESS:****8. Nooksack Valley Request for Rate Increase**

Hutchings stated that Nooksack Valley Disposal has submitted a rate increase for consideration by the Council, citing increased disposal and recycling costs. Increases vary from 2.5% for carts and dumpsters to 5.7% for the base fee. This will be presented at a future Council meeting for approval.

**9. Cedar Drive Update**

David Vos requested an update on the Cedar Drive Reconstruction project. Sandal stated that additional permits are needed. Vos wants to make sure impervious pavement is in the design for the shoulders in front of certain houses. Sandal stated he would schedule a neighborhood meeting soon to give an update on the project.

**10. B.C. Avenue / Grover Street Accident**

Bode noted there was another vehicle accident at B.C. Avenue and Grover Street, although the house at 112 B.C. Avenue was not impacted.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** December 6, 2023

City of Lynden 2024 Asphalt, Sand and Aggregate Supply  
November 9, 2023, 2:00 PM

Item #3.

All pricing is "per ton" except Screened Topsoil

Bidder	STREMLER	MILES	GRANITE	COWDEN*
Asphalt Class B	n/a	n/a	80.00	n/a
5/8" Minus Solo	24.85	21.50	n/a	19.25*
5/8" Minus Trailer	20.85	16.75	n/a	18.25*
5/8" Minus City Haul	13.50	11.00	n/a	12.50
3/4" Drain Solo	22.85	19.50	n/a	18.85*
3/4" Drain Trailer	19.85	14.75	n/a	18.25*
3/4" Drain City Haul	12.50	9.00	n/a	12.50
1" Drain Solo	22.85	n/a	n/a	18.85*
1" Drain Trailer	19.85	15.75	n/a	18.25*
1" Drain City Haul	12.50	10.00	n/a	12.50
1 1/2" Drain Solo	24.85	23.50	n/a	22.00*
1 1/2" Drain Trailer	20.85	18.75	n/a	21.00*
1 1/2" Drain City Haul	13.50	13.00	n/a	15.00
Pea Gravel Solo	23.85	23.50	n/a	18.85*
Pea Gravel Trailer	19.85	18.75	n/a	18.25*
Pea Gravel City Haul	12.50	13.00	n/a	12.50
4-8" Spalls Solo	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.50*
4-8" Spalls Trailer	n/a	n/a	n/a	23.00*
4-8" Spalls City Haul	n/a	n/a	n/a	16.25
Pit Run Solo	14.25	17.50	n/a	13.50*
Pit Run Trailer	11.70	12.75	n/a	12.50*
Pit Run City Haul	6.00	7.00	n/a	8.50
Topsoil Solo	32.85	n/a	n/a	26.00*
Topsoil Trailer	30.15	n/a	n/a	25.00*
Topsoil City Haul	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.00
Sand Solo Truck	22.85	22.50	n/a	16.25*
Sand Trailer	18.85	17.75	n/a	15.00*
Sand City Haul	10.50	12.00	n/a	10.00
1/4" Fract Sand Solo	27.60	n/a	n/a	22.00*
1/4" Fract Sand Trailer	24.75	n/a	n/a	21.00*
1/4" Fract Sand City	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

\*\$50.00 fuel surcharge on solo and truck and trailer

**CITY OF LYNDEN  
BID TABULATION  
November 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m.**

**2024-02 CHEMICALS (1) Lime, (2) Alum, (3) Salt, (4) Fluorosilicic Acid**

	PRODUCT & QUANTITY	Chemtrade Chemicals	Cascade Columbia Distribution	TR International	Kemira Water Solutions
(1)	Hydrated Lime	No Bid	\$0.378/lb \$491.40/bag	\$0.325/lb	No Bid
	175,000 lbs		\$66,150.00	\$56,875	
(2)	Aluminum Sulfate	\$682.00/dry ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$786.00/dry ton
	100 to 350 dry tons	\$68,200.00 - \$238,700.00	\$ .00		\$78,600.00 - \$275,100.00
(3)	Solar Extra-Coarse Salt	No Bid	\$.30/lb \$15.00/bag	No Bid	No Bid
	20,000 lbs.		\$6,000.00		
(4)	Fluorosilicic Acid	No Bid	\$800/wet ton (\$ .3775/lb)	No Bid	No Bid
	20 tons		\$16,000.00		
(5)	Sodium Hypochlorite	No Bid	\$3.32/gal	No Bid	No Bid
	4,000 gallons		\$13,280.00		

## Projects Update – December 1, 2023

### Under Construction

- Jim Kaemingk Trail Extension – Paving complete. Ribbon cutting?
- Guide Sewer Extension – Boring complete, minor sewer items to complete, restoration ongoing.

### Starting Construction

None

### In Design

- Cedar Drive Sewer and Overlay – 60% plans in for review. Neighborhood meeting scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Waterline Upgrade – Garden Drive – Pacific Surveying and Engineering scheduled to start work this week.
- Hannegan / 1<sup>st</sup> Street – The City received TIB funding for this project (\$779,306 TIB participation with \$194,826 in local match).