

City of Shady Cove **INSIDER**



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"and a river runs through it!"

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Budget Committee convened on April 22nd. Council members present included Mayor Tom Anderson and Councilors Leith Hayes and Jim Ulrich. Public members present included Gary Endicott, Committee Chair; Lena Richardson, Committee Secretary; Joan Reitz; Mary Gunderlock and Karen McMahon. Approvals included:

General Fund	\$1,080,000
Street Fund	215,000
Sewer Operations Fund	1,207,100
Sewer Debt Fund	86,900
Sewer Operations Reserve	162,600
Sewer Operations Replacement Reserve	519,600
System Development Charge Fund	
Transportation	218,300
Storm Water	168,600
Waste Water	222,600
Parks & Recreation	212,800
Total Budget	\$4,093,500

Imposing a permanent tax rate of \$.5474 per \$1,000 of assessed value

Assess \$74,000 for general obligation bonds (original sewer debt)

The Budget Document contains several format changes that will enable easier tracking. Included are fewer inter-fund transfers; individual account pages for System Development Charges; all personnel reflected in the General Fund; expenditures are reflected in the receiving fund and amounts are rounded to \$100.

The Sewer Operations Replacement Reserve is unappropriated (meaning not available for expenditure in the budget year). This money is reserved for major capital improvements and or disaster relief. The intent is to accumulate a significant sum of money before the plant needs major overhaul or expansion. Major overhaul or expansion should not happen for at least 20 years if the City continues to spend about \$125,000 per year on individual capital improvements.

Funding is allocated for a realistic recalculation of System Development Charges. The budget reflects no fee increases. Funding is included to fill the staff opening, vacated about 1 year ago. Promotional funding (generally tourism enhancement) is double that either budgeted or expended for each of the previous 3 years.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION *continued*

The Committee made several recommendations to the Council. The most expansive is a recommendation that the Council address improvements to all gravel streets.

Specifically identify the streets, solicit estimates from the County and prioritize. Improvements would be similar to that done to Walnut and Williams Lanes last year. It includes grading, installation of base rock, two layers of chip seal and one application of fog sealant. That and the other recommendations will be addressed by the Council at the June 19th Council Meeting, coincident with Budget adoption.

Funding for visible improvements includes infant swings and a bathroom, connected to the sewer system, in Aunt Caroline's Park. Alder Street is scheduled to be improved this summer.

A Public Hearing before the City Council is scheduled for June 5th. Issues include budget approval and receipt and use of State Revenue Sharing Funds.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 3, 2014

The City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a three-year professional services contract with Michael L. Piels Certified Public Accountants, LLP for municipal audit services. This locks in a fair cost for the three years with a firm that has been serving the City in this capacity for over 20 years.

The Council also adopted Ordinance #267 as an emergency action. In essence, the Ordinance imposes a moratorium prohibiting the operation of any medical marijuana facility in any area subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Shady Cove. The Ordinance is effective until May 1, 2015, unless rescinded sooner.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 17, 2014

A couple of months ago, the City contracted with the Local Government Personnel Institute (LGPI) for an evaluation of the City Administrator position and appropriate salary range. The City is now in receipt of that information. The key item is a median salary range of \$60,000. That is the current salary being paid and about 17% less than that previously paid.

With an evaluation and salary reflecting the position as it exists today, Aaron Prunty, City Administrator Pro Tem, accepted the position as a Regular Full Time City Administrator. The Mayor and Council President were authorized to negotiate an employment agreement.

WEED ABATEMENT—NOXIOUS VEGETATION

EFFECTIVE MAY 15—SEPTEMBER 30

Weeds Declared Nuisance

The growth of grass, weeds, shrubbery, and vegetation upon vacant and other lots and parcels of land, and the streets and alleys abutting thereon, in the City, during the summer season (May 15 - September 30) constitutes a fire menace, and greatly increases the fire hazard in the City, and is declared to be a nuisance.

Removal—Responsibility

The owner, agent of owner and/or occupant of any lot or parcel of land within the limits of the City of Shady Cove shall cut and remove the weeds, grass, bushes and shrubbery growing thereon, or on adjacent and abutting streets between May 15th through September 30th of each year and where the same grows a second growth. If you are in the Floodplain ~ mowing and trimming is acceptable; however, complete removal of any vegetation will require a permit. For more information, please call City Hall for more information.

Notice to Abate

It is expected that the property owner/occupant will comply voluntarily; however, should the owner/occupant fail or neglect to cut weeds, grass, or shrubbery as herein provided, the City shall serve a Weed Abatement Notice requiring that the property be abated within 14 days of notice.

Failure to comply to the Weed Abatement Notice may result in the following action:

- \$500 fine for each day of violation.
- Lien against said property for cost of abatement.

When fire danger is “High” or “Extreme,” the Department of Forestry sets restrictions levels that escalate according to the heat and dryness. Therefore, later in the summer, as fire danger worsens, using motorized equipment in combustible vegetation is allowed only until 1 p.m. or after 8 p.m., then until 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m., then not at all.

To keep up on the current restrictions please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry at (541) 664-3328 or visit their website at <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIELD/MED/aboutus.shtml>

A list of Landscape Maintenance and Contractors may be obtained by contacting Shady Cove City Hall at (541) 878-2225 or by visiting our website at www.shadycove.net

What is Noxious Vegetation?

- * Weeds or grass more than 10” high
- * Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line
- * Poison oak or ivy
- * Vegetation that is a health hazard because it is near other combustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous for pedestrians and/or vehicles

Upcoming Events

May 3rd & 4th

May Wildflower Show

100 Cleveland
10:00 AM—4:00 PM



May 31st

City Wide Clean Up
Fire District 4 Parking Lot
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

June 7th

Salmon Fever on the Upper Rogue

For Info Contact: Lyal Field
541-840-4808

June 28th

SPAM® Festival
Upper Rogue Regional Park
10:00 AM—5:00 PM

July 26th-27th

River Art Walk