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CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 2015

The sole item on this meeting's agenda was discussion concerning rebuilding a Public Works Department and assuming operational control of the waste water treatment system. This is goal #9 on the City Council long term goals list.

This action was precipitated by a letter from the Manager of Rogue Valley Sewer Services (RVSS) wherein he stated, for compelling reasons, he wanted a 1 year contract extension beginning July 1, 2016 with a 23% increase in the cost to the City, followed by a 5 year contract extension beginning July 1, 2017. with an annual increase of 5% rather than the present 3%. He also stated that if the relationship is to be permanent, during the 5 year extension a ballot measure should be prepared to provide for the annexation of the waste water treatment system by RVSS. If not, "then we need to focus our efforts on making sure that the City is in(sic) a good position when we complete the project."

In a follow up letter, in response to questions, the Manager of RVSS explained that annexation would mean that the system would become part of RVSS and they would assume full operational control of the system, including setting user fees and establishing SDC's. All of the foregoing correspondence was not adversarial, but had a tone of cooperation.

The Council was provided a plan whereby the City could reassume management of

the waste water treatment system over a 18 month period (end of the 1 year contract extension). The Council agreed that it would be timely to embark upon the concept and asked the City Administrator to prepare a resolution for the January Council Meeting, wherein agreement to commence the process will be formally approved.

In the interim the Council will be provided Public Works budgets for the years 2003 through 2009 in order to get a handle on actual costs when the City did manage the system and compare that to the currently proposed charges by RVSS. They further want assurance that the tools and equipment (appendix A of the current contract) in place when the City contracted with RVSS are still in use and good working order. Additionally, the City Administrator and one of the City Councilors will make an in depth tour of the treatment facility.

**The City Council and Staff of City Hall sends
good wishes for the New Year to the
Shady Cove community.**

SHADY COVE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Shady Cove's Citizen of the Year Award was presented during an annual dinner when the volunteers and staff are recognized for their contribution to the improvement and welfare of Shady Cove. The award is for a body of work over many years, rather than for a one time happening. It is recognition for personal effort, not monetary contributions.

The selection can be difficult as the City enjoys over 40 volunteers supporting a staff of 5. This year, however, the decision was comparatively easy and probably overdue. Citizen of the Year was awarded to MIKE MALEPSY.

Mike has been involved in many activities contributing to the welfare of our City over many years. The award presentation highlighted his efforts to bring a water system to Shady Cove. He was actively involved in the 1991/1992 effort. He led the 1998 effort and was involved in the formation of a Water District in 2002.

With private money and ownership, Shady Cove Waterworks commenced in 2004, but stalled in 2007. Ultimately it was acquired by PremierWest Bank. In 2013 AmericanWest Bank took ownership of Shady Cove Waterworks with their acquisition of PremierWest Bank.

AmericanWest Bank expressed a desire to expand the customer base then sell Shady Cove Waterworks. Mike stepped up. He was instrumental in the expansion to the Shady Cove Mobile Home Park, and then bringing Hiland Water to the table as a potential buyer. He played a key role facilitating the acquisition of Shady Cove Waterworks, Northridge Water Co. and Whispering Pines Water Co. by Hiland Water. He continues to be actively involved in the continuing expansion by Hiland Water.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU MIKE!

KSHD RADIO

KSHD 94.3 FM

Shady Cove Radio and all of our fine producers want to wish all of you, and especially everyone who tunes in to KSHD 94.3 FM, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have great news for the New Year. As many of you already know, we are finally streaming our audio on the internet. Just go to the City of Shady Cove's website at: www.shadycove.net, and click on the link to our station at the bottom of the page. You can also follow us on Facebook at [K-Shady Radio](#).

At the end of December we will reinstall the power amp that gave out on us earlier this summer. This will help us to greatly increase our signal power throughout the area. We are also upgrading our Emergency Response Equipment to keep us in compliance with our FCC license and to help us better serve the safety needs of the community.

As usual, and especially during the holidays, we want to encourage you all to support our local businesses and underwriters. Let them know that you heard about them right here on KSHD 94.3 FM.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Shady Cove would like to recognize the passing of Shirley Williams on October 5, 2015. Shirley had been a long-time Planning Commissioner in service of her community.

The Planning Commission held two Public Hearings on December 10, 2015.

- * The Hearing on the Draft Riparian Ordinance heard testimony from both proponents and opponents. Information received from the State Department of Land Conservation and Development Riparian Ordinance has been continued to January 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Upper Rogue Community Center. The modified Draft Riparian Ordinance, along with the questions posed at the two Open Forums on riparian, will be posted on the City website ahead of the January 14th Public Hearing. The Planning Commission will summarize input from all these public meetings to give a recommendation to the City Council for their planned Public Hearing on the Riparian Ordinance in February.
- * The Second Public Hearing was held for the request to change the zoning of the parcel of land immediately upriver of the library (old Masonic Lodge) from Public to General Commercial. Plans for this building are to build an additional building on the property and use both as a facility for antique cars and other antiques. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change to the City Council. Before the property can be developed as planned another proposal will come before the Planning Commission for approval.

Please continue to check the City's website (www.shadycove.net) for completed sections of the proposed updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Public Hearings on the Comprehensive Plan will be held in 2016.

SHADY COVE—TRAIL COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM

This program is about neighbors helping neighbors, families helping families, and strangers helping strangers.

The more you are informed about your community, the better your community will become.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ...
TELL A FRIEND!**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2016 6:00 PM**

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Upcoming Events

January 1
City Hall—Closed



January 22
Upper Rogue Community Center
Tri-Tip Dinner & Cowboy Poetry
Ticket Info: 541-878-2702

February 27
Upper Rogue Community Center
Chili Cook Off & Dessert Auction
5:30 PM Tickets: \$5.00 at the door
Info: 541-878-2702

