

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING/SEWER WORKSHOP**  
**August 31, 2017**  
**5:00 pm City Hall**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm  
Council members present: Robert Muth, Mark Peterson, Jenny Taylor, Amy Weissfeld  
Staff present: Carla Cosentino, Eric Hansen, Ben Shumaker.  
Guests: Cyndi Bratz (TetraTech) by phone; Scott Anderson, Leana Johnson (future City Administrator), John Mobley (A&J Market/East Wind Laundry), Mary Repar (resident), Kari Fagerness (EDC), Steve, Kevin & Toom Waters (Backwoods Brewing), Ken Daugherty (Skamania Lodge), Bob Craig & Tabita Wiggins (Walking Man Brewing), Steve Funk & Bruce Nissen (LDB Beverage), Ed Farrell (SCSD), Pat Albaugh & Gail Collins (Port), Scott Anderson (Planning Commission, Downtown Association, future Mayor), Scott Donahue (Skunk Brothers), see attached list for additional guests
2. **STEVENSON WASTE WATER CLARIFIERS COMMITTEE:** Introductions of those present. Active discussion between the City Council, stakeholders and the consultant TetraTech. There was broad concern that the planned improvements are too large and unaffordable, and that the proposed rates place us at risk of losing business; the end result will be an expensive facility with the cost needing to be borne by fewer users or subsidized by the City. There was also concern that the action to approve the plan would lock us into this design. Other possible treatment alternatives, grant funding, stakeholder practices to reduce BOD, moratorium, and regulatory compliance were discussed. Stakeholders felt there had not been enough public involvement. Grant funding cycles and regulatory compliance schedules are important factors. City representatives and stakeholders are committed to working together to rebuild trust and find solutions, and the group hopes to keep the momentum quickly moving forward by holding weekly meetings. Hansen has coordinated a meeting for 2 PM Wed Sep 6<sup>th</sup> with DOE's Industrial Wastewater Division specialists to explain Industrial Waste Permits and address questions. This would also be an appropriate time for stakeholders to communicate their financial burden concerns to DOE.

Council members agreed to lead working subcommittees:

- **BOD Load Reduction – Amy Weissfeld:** group will look at beverage industry best management practices and composting options (community-wide or individual) to reduce the overall amount of waste entering the system.
- **Grant Sourcing – Jenny Taylor:** group will identify and evaluate all possible sources of outside funding available to reduce users' rates.
- **Rate Evaluation – Mark Peterson:** this group will make sure our rate structure is reasonable and sustainable.
- **Right Sized Plant/Value Engineering:** this group will research other communities and reevaluate whether the current sewer plant design reflects our community's needs.

Staff will

- Provide a description of the key engineering steps necessary before construction occurs at the sewer plant to assist in determining when "value engineering" will be most effective.
- Summarize the assumptions about future flows and loads for review and reevaluation.
- Summarize the current funding strategy.

Stakeholders will

- Contact the leads to sign up for subcommittee(s) of their choosing

- Review the information on the City website
- Contact staff for clarifications of action items, requests for more information, or to provide general feedback
- Share information and encourage participation by other interested stakeholders

**4. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned 6:38 PM.

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*UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS: September 6, 2017 2:00 PM Workshop with DOE*

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Frank Cox, Mayor

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Date

*Minutes by Carla Cosentino*

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