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CITY OF SHELLEY  
SEWER BOND PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES

September 29, 2004

PRESENT: Mayor: Eric "Swede" Christensen  
Council persons: Steve Cederberg and John Lent  
Public Works Dir: Rick Anderson  
Assist. City Clerk: Beth Williams

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Eric "Swede" Christensen opened the meeting by explaining to the citizens in attendance that the city lagoon is over thirty-five years old. There will be a bond election on November 2, 2004, for a treatment plant by the City of Shelley. The government granted two hundred thousand dollars for a feasibility study and the results found it possible for the plant. The City of Shelley is not presently compliant with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations with the sewer discharges. The way to become compliant is with a sewer bond to build a treatment plant.

Ted Hendricks, ECIPDA, reported that the City Mayor and Council had been working for four years to fix the discharge problem. The advantage of a regional treatment plant is that it spreads the cost of running it to more people and becomes more cost effective. A six million dollar bond will allow the City to build a treatment plant just for Shelley's use. A request has been made for a federal grant to extend a sewer line to exit 113 north of Shelley. It will be known by early 2005 if the grant is awarded. This money will build the infrastructure for a regional plant.

Ted said that if the citizens do not pass a bond, the EPA could fine the City thousands of dollars in a few short months. Ammon, Shelley, Bingham County, and Bonneville County are co-operating to build a regional plant that would be operated as a partnership. Husk Crowther, Forsgren Engineering, said the more people on the system means the flow will be greater and it will cost less per person. Husk explained the odor containment for the plant. He said the potential line placements were planned from Ammon and from Exit 113 to Shelley.

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Ted explained about the size of the treatment plant and that it would fit inside an area the size of the current lagoon. Husk told how the design team would go to the people along the prospective line placement and work out exactly where the lines would go, and work closely with the landowners so there would be a mutual agreement. Ted said they would initiate the design when the bond is passed; it would take about a year. The construction could possibly start in the spring of 2006.

Rick Anderson said the City has three to four EPA violations per day and that we could be fined twenty eight thousand dollars per violation, per day.

Husk said each treatment plant is different. Each one is planned for the location at a twenty-to-thirty year window of use before building is begun. A projection of use is calculated and the plant is built to meet that capacity.

Swede said that some day there will be meters in the City of Shelley because of the water and sewer problems that have arisen during the past years. Ted said water is a valuable commodity right now, and Idaho is the biggest water user in the Union. With our draught situation, there will be meters eventually.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Sandy Husk APPROVE: Eric R. Christensen