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The special meeting of the Nisswa City Council was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Members Present: Heidmann, Jacobson, Johnson, Krautkremer and Ryan

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Dan Vogt, Tom Blomer, Matthew Hill and Jenny Max

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Heidmann reviewed the purpose of the meeting and the topics of discussion. He stated that there will be no action taken at the meeting.

A. Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan presentations.

- 1) Widseth Smith and Nolting (WSN). Mark Hallan of WSN reviewed the history and current Wastewater Treatment Facility configuration. He reviewed the type of facility currently in place and the potential for an additional cell which could be added to increase capacity of the plant. The possible cost for this addition and spray field could come in at \$3 to \$3.5 million. Mr. Hallan felt that the expansion would be some form of stabilization pond. He noted that this type of facility has liberal effluent permit limits as compared to other types of wastewater treatment facilities. He stated that the July 2017 flow into the plant averaged about 167,000 gallons per day (gpd) and that the permit limit for the plant is 195,000 gpd. So, while there is some capacity available, planning needs to take place in the near future to maintain permit compliance. Discussion and questions followed. The Council thanked Mr. Hallan for his presentation.

Bolton and Menk. Phil Martin discussed the history of their engineering firm as well as its presence in the area. Paul Stafford stated that he would like to see an interactive discuss between the members of their firm and the elected body to try to determine the direction that the City would like to go with facility expansion. He stated that he is looking for additional information from the City and what its needs are for increased capacity such as growth and development plans, timing of such growth and development, sewers around the lakes, etc. The Mayor noted that at a recent meeting, it was found that Grand View may be looking at adding 50-60 ERU's over the next 2 years or so. Mr. Stafford stated that he would like his firm to go through a process/workshop with the Council and staff to come up with a solution to the upcoming capacity issue. He felt that an additional pond is likely the next, intermediate step. Additional discussion and questions followed. The Council thanked Mr. Martin and Mr. Stafford for their presentation.

Council Break: 8:25 p.m. to 8:32 p.m.

- B. Discuss partnership of Friends of Nisswa Lake Park, Nisswa Parks Commission, and the Nisswa City Council as they relate to the Nisswa Lake Park.
- C. Discuss options for the future development of Nisswa Lake Park.

Mayor Heidmann outlined the issue as he sees it. Council Member Johnson gave some historical perspective.

Reed Larson of the Friends of Nisswa Lake Park (FONLP) gave his historical perspective and the work, including the Joint Powers Agreement, with the DNR. He went on to state that \$110,000 has been raised in donations in the past 5 years plus the more recent donation of \$35,000 for a current project that needs to be spent in 2017. It was mentioned that about \$26,600 or so is not yet spent and about \$7,000 not dedicated to a project at this time.

Park Director Hill clarified that the \$35,000 donation was designated for the shelter/pavilion or some other project as determined by FONLP, the donor is open to the actual project the funding will be used for and is interested in creating a park that is usable to the public.

Council Members discussed their thoughts about the park suggesting a look at trail development initially so that users can view the property and see its potential for development, which might lead to more donations. Council Member Krautkremer said that he would like to discuss what the City can do to develop the park and what can and will be maintained. He also questioned where the funding will be coming from including the specifics of the funding. He further stated that the park is a positive and would like to keep the energy going. Council Members Johnson and Ryan discussed funding and whether there would be a set amount placed in the budget which would dedicate funding toward the park. Mayor Heidmann stated that the members of the FONLP should strongly look to local contractors, trades and vendors to perform some of the work on the park to help save money.

A lengthy discussion took place which included such topics as funding, projects, timing, construction schedule, the Park Director's work and activity on the park, access to/from the park, etc.

Mayor Heidmann summarized items that he felt should be on the next City Council Agenda:

- Park Board recommendation for projects to be completed with donated funds
- Funding for park improvements
- Park Director's activity on the park

The Council thanked everyone for attending and contributing their thoughts and ideas regarding the Nisswa Lake Park.

ADJOURN

Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Krautkremer to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Heidmann, Mayor

Daniel J. Vogt, Interim City Administrator