



NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

June 2002

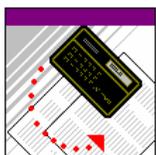
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FROM THE MAYOR

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

Although we've had a much wetter winter than last year, we still face the summer months and the potential for long dry periods. Our storage capacity is the same as it has been which means we must rely on Reedy and Salmon creeks to carry us through. Last summer, which was officially designated as drought conditions, we got by because of late spring and early summer rains. If that doesn't occur this year we could face shortages and potential implementation of curtailment provisions. It seems to me that it makes a great deal of sense for us to act prudently now through self-enforced conservation rather than have to deal with arbitrary conservation later. Not only does it make good sense, it means fewer dollars when your water bill arrives. By taking shorter showers, making sure your toilet doesn't leak and only watering outside by hand rather than automatic sprinkler, you can make a significant difference—saving yourself and the city a good deal of money. If you haven't already installed water savings devices, stop by city hall and pick up one of the free kits containing a low flow (but good feeling) showerhead, faucet aerator and toilet tank restrictor.

The city has made huge strides in increasing efficiency in the water system through continued leak detection and correction and installation of accurate electronic meters. These measures along with your conservation efforts will hopefully take us smoothly through the traditional summer dry months. Thanks for your help.

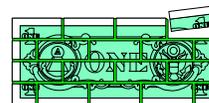


BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 2002-2003

The City Council adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st. City Council made no changes to the budget approved by the Budget Committee. Once again the water and sewer funds will be supported entirely by user fees, and the major source of

funding for most other activities comes from transient rental taxes. Property taxes levied for bonds total \$136,857. About \$25,700 will be raised in general property taxes, based on the permanent tax rate of 0.1717. Due to the room taxes paid by tourists the residents in Yachats enjoy one of the lowest rates in the state.

As part of the annual budget process there was also a public hearing and an ordinance adopted concerning the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing funds. Approximately \$5,000 will be received. This amount, like the cigarette and liquor taxes received from the State, is based on population.



CURRENT BUDGET YEAR ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED

City Council adopted a resolution making some minor changes to the current year's budget. The reallocation of funds was necessary to transfer funds not spent in one category to other areas where more money was needed to cover expenses. The bottom-line was not changed, and no additional appropriations were approved.



PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTED

City Council appointed local realtor Katherine Guenther to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Guenther said that through her work as a realtor she has developed an appreciation for the important role that planning and the Commission plays in Yachats, and that she felt she could make a worthwhile contribution.

She will serve until December 31, 2005; filling a vacancy created when Commission member Rod Smith resigned. Smith had served on the Commission for several years.

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTED

Annette Howarth was appointed to serve on the Library Commission until December 31, 2002. Howarth said that she is a retired educator and that she thought it would be a good way for her to offer her services to the community. She said that she loves the Library in Yachats and working as a volunteer provides her the opportunity to read all the best books.



VISITOR'S CENTER CONTRACT AWARDED

One Proposal to run the City's Visitors Center was received from the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce. City Council voted unanimously to award the contract for the Visitor's Center for the 2002-2003 to the Chamber.

REMINDER:



Business Licenses and Transient Rental Licenses expire on June 30th. If you have not received a renewal notice or if you

have not returned the form with the annual fee, please contact City Hall before July 1st. Avoid Delinquent Fees!



JULY 4TH PARADE SCHEDULED

City Council approved the permit for the Chamber of Commerce Annual La De Da Parade to be held July 4th.

The parade route will start at the Commons and end near the Post Office. From the Commons it will proceed west on Fourth Street, turning south onto Ocean View, going through the State Park, continuing east, then turning North on Beach Ave.

Look for the City Council entry...Yes, they will be riding in the manure spreader again!

Following the parade there will be lots of activities going on all over town and the fireworks will be at dusk over the bay.

CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES SECOND PART OF SEWER REPORT

At the June meeting Garrett Pallo from the Dyer Partnership presented the second part of the sewer master plan and made recommendations for the system, including:

- Change the grease trap inspection and enforcement ordinance.
- Smoke test and televise lines using robotic cameras to find where the water is entering the system.
- Reduce the inflow and infiltration, reevaluate and replace as necessary.
- Rehabilitate piping sections based on findings of additional investigations.
- Move electronics and other key components at the pump stations above ground; add battery backup for the alarm system.
- Replace pump station with new submersible station in the long-term future.
- Repair corrosion, install railings and necessary safety equipment, adjust operation set points in the off season, replace the pump at Ocean View, and perform maintenance at the various pump stations.
- Calibrate the influent flow meter at the headwoks.
- Take care of corroded and warn equipment at the plant.
- Replace and upsize screening and grit removal equipment.

Pallo said that long term changes for the plant include construction of a new pair of aeration basins, construction of a new clarifier, construction of a new UV disinfection system while discontinuing chlorine use, conversion of existing aeration basins to digesters, development of alternative sludge disposal systems and installation of automated sampling equipment for influent and effluent quality.

Pallo explained that the short-term improvements recommended will cost about \$350,000 while the long-term improvements to the system and the plant will be about \$3,300,000. The total cost will be around 4.3 million. Once the major plant improvements are in place the estimated life of the system is 25 years.

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PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PART OF KING STREET RECEIVED

Mayor Corbin explained that Frederick Jones has filed a petition for the vacation of the platted, but undeveloped, extension of King Street, which connects with Horizon Hill Road. Currently this right-of-way is used only as a pedestrian trail. The proposed vacation, as submitted, would retain that pedestrian trail and a utility easement. City Council set a public hearing to consider the request at the regular City Council meeting on July 11, 2002.



COUNCIL GRANTS A TEMPORARY REVOCABLE LICENSE TO USE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

City Attorney, Mike Dowsett, explained that Mr. Rai wants to build a home on Hanley Terrace and he needs to extend the water line. While extending a line is always the responsibility of the property owner, in order to extend this line Rai needs to cross City owned property. The charter requires that a vote of the people is required before the City can grant an easement to a private party. Dowsett reported that a temporary revocable license can be issued to Mr. Rai until the issue can be placed on the November ballot. If voter approval is not secured then the City could enter into an agreement with Rai in which the City would take over control of that line and charge Rai for any repairs.

City Council granted a temporary revocable license to Mr. Rai for use of a City right-of-way for a water line and pump and agreed to place the issue on the November ballot. After the election the temporary license will be replaced with a permanent license or an agreement for control and maintenance depending on the outcome of the vote. City Council said that any expenses incurred by the City will be reimbursed by the applicants.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the June City Council meeting John McClintock reported:

- The water efficiency figures are getting better, and he is beginning to feel more confident. Last month the unaccounted water was 16% and this month it was 19%.
- Work is beginning on the curve north of the bridge.
- Mr. Brown from ODOT has invited him to a meeting with OBEC consultants next week regarding the T-intersection project at the

southern intersection of Yachats Ocean Road and Hwy 101.

- The public works crew has been working on one of the storm drain project scheduled for this season, and he is really proud of how they have been working together and how they have done the work, including cleaning up after.
- Southwest Lincoln County Water District has decided not to buy the backhoe.

Annual Budget Summary Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

<i>Reporting Through</i> Program	<i>5/30/02</i> Budget	Year to Date
General Administration	\$467,190	\$375,943
Library	\$13,000	\$11,228
Little Log Church & Museum	\$9,499	\$4,553
Parks & Commons*	\$92,948	\$82,028
Streets	\$99,555	\$61,265
Water	\$581,775	\$360,066
Sewer	\$330,209	\$289,295
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$885,229	\$819,995
Debt	<u>\$178,509</u>	<u>\$134,842</u>
	<u>\$2,657,914</u>	<u>\$2,139,214</u>

LOW INCOME WAIVER ON WATER BILLS



Yachats Code allows the City Recorder to grant a partial waiver to water customers who are eligible.

A waiver of 50% of the monthly base water charge may be considered by the City Recorder based upon written request by the user, and documentation of eligibility for low income assistance from the State of Oregon. Based on the current base rate that waiver is \$11.50 per month.

If you meet the criteria, and would like your case considered contact the City Office.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT YACHATS LIBRARY



July 2 will be the kick-off date for the Yachats Public Library summer reading program for children 4 - 10. This year's theme is Senses and we will explore and experiment with the senses of sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste, as well as that "elusive" sixth sense. Culminating activities will take place at the Yachats beach at the end of the program on August 13.

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The sessions will run from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; and August 6 and 13. The Yachats Library is located at the west end of 7th Street. Regular Library hours are 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 547-3741.



*The Little Log Church By The Sea
Museum*

12:00 to 3:00 Monday - Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (two shifts) Saturday and Sunday. The Little Log Church and Museum is closed on Thursdays. Please call 547-4310 or 547-4350 for more information.



Commons News

By Susan Garner - Commons Coordinator

The weather has been glorious lately and a great number of visitors are coming to Yachats. We are very lucky to have such a great town to live in and enjoy. Lately, though, Yachats has been plagued with a rash of vandalism. The basketball hoop behind the Commons was torn off, one of the slides on the playground was gouged, and part of the public telephone in the building was removed. These are only the few incidents happening around the Commons.

Destruction of property should not be taken lightly and we should all, as a community, get behind a movement to stop it. It would seem that those that have been doing the vandalism are younger people, and so, as a community, we need to talk with the wave of kids around town. Don't get into a confrontation with kids, but do speak up if someone is doing something they shouldn't be. We all need to be a presence in this community, showing that we care and that we want to live in a safe and pleasant community.

On the positive side, those kids that you see doing good things should be given encouragement. Many young people help in many ways in this community. Praise those young people

who are doing good things, talk to the kids around town, be aware of them.

Meanwhile, let's do a good thing for the community and have a clean-up day. We're planning a playground clean-up day for Saturday, June 29 from 1 to 3 pm. Bring your work gloves, strong backs and tools for weeding and painting. Let's get together and have a good time getting the playground in shape for the summer. On Monday, July 1, we'll be getting new bark chips for the playground and it would be wonderful if it was

I want to offer a very special thank you to Alice James of the Friends of the Commons who has devoted countless hours to this building in making lighting miracles happen. She has been up and down ladders, cutting and adjusting, upgrading the lighting on the stage - all as a volunteer to this community. She painted the stage and improved our theatrical facilities greatly. She deserves a great round of applause. Now we need to have a theater group start up . . .



READING YOUR METER

There are two common types of water meters. Some are read like odometers but most of the meters in Yachats have are circular with several dials on the meter face (similar to your electric meter).

For circular-reading meters, start with the lowest dial, and continue reading up to the highest dial. If a dial pointer isn't centered exactly on a number or is located between two numbers, read the lower number.

Meters in the City of Yachats measure in cubic feet. To determine how much water you have used in gallons multiply each cubic feet by 7.48 to convert the reading to gallons. So if you have used 400 cubic feet that is equal to 2,992 gallons.

The average person uses between 2,400 and 3,000 gallons per month, assuming a 30-day month.