

Tenino Monthly Sewer Update

December 1, 2008

Sewer Plant (WWTP)

Boss Construction has established an access road into the construction site and is in the process of mobilizing and establishing foundations for both the treatment plant and the laboratory building. Work was delayed for two weeks while they waited for approval of their storm water runoff prevention plan by the Department of Ecology.

Right of Way Construction (ROW)

Work continues in the streets on the pressure sewer lines that will connect the grinder pumps to the new treatment facility (WWTP). This phase is still scheduled for completion by March 2009. Construction will be shut down for the week of December 22 for the Christmas holidays. Due to cold wet weather, asphalt patching of the road cuts will probably be delayed the rest of the winter and could be postponed until early March unless the weather warms up over 45 degrees for a few consecutive days.

Service Connection (Grinder pump install and connection to Houses)

The first load of pump chambers and control panels arrived today. Award of the contract to RP & Company for installation of the grinder pumps and chambers has been authorized by City Council and is waiting on approval from USDA Rural Development for actual award of contract. The award will be for Schedule A only; City Council has elected not to award the abandonment of the septic tanks with that contract. Discussion among the Council members has been to consider a financial reduction in the current \$3,500.00 facilities charge (by some amount to be determined at a later Council meeting) if a homeowner elects to do his own abandonment. This will still require a certified septic pumping company to pump the tank but would allow the home owner to do the rest of the work. If council elects to amend the facilities charge ordinance, details will be available at city hall on what steps are necessary to abandon a septic system.

Significant numbers of easement documents have been signed and returned to City Hall. However, if you have not signed the easements documents please sign and return them to City Hall as soon as possible. All signatures must be signed in the presence of a Notary, one is available at City Hall for no charge.

General

CIF Grant (assistance for low to medium income with the facility charge) forms are in the final review process. Council will be asked to approve a Resolution outlining the grievance procedure at their meeting on the 9th of December. The guidelines and applications will be available as soon as they have passed through those two processes.

Mayor Kenneth Jones and his staff.