

Tenino Monthly Sewer Update

October 1, 2008

Sewer Plant (WWTP)

We awarded the bid to Boss Construction on September 23rd and hope to officially break ground during the month of October. The City has moved forward with the WWTP by signing an Interagency Agreement with General Administration State of Washington for Project Management, our engineers continue to be Gibbs and Olson, Inc.

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). We are currently 65% complete with the ROW contract (per engineers estimate) and still anticipate completion of this phase of the sewer plan in early January 2009.

Service Connection (Grinder pump install and connection to Houses)

On September 23, 2008, City Council passed a motion to advertise for bids on the Service Connection portion of the Sewer Plan. The first ad will appear on September 29, 2008, with the official bid opening on October 30, 2008.

With the bid documents complete, we now have drawings of all houses in Tenino and their proposed grinder pump locations as well as connections to the waste system on all properties. These are available to view at City Hall. If, after looking at the connections/grinder pump location drawings for your property, you have any questions or wish to discuss these connections, please contact City Hall and make an appointment with Terry Keithahn.

General

Questions have been raised about the Facilities Charge of \$3,500.00 that will be due on June 1, 2009. This charge is for meeting the Cities requirements on matching funds, future capital facilities improvements, and for abandonment of the existing septic systems. The funds from USDA (RUS funds) are only allowed to be spent for City owned property and equipment, since the septic systems are on private property, not city property, USDA will not pay for this abandonment.

Questions also have come up concerning the surcharge on the water bill. City Council passed Ordinance 709 on April 12, 2005, to be effective on May 1, 2005 This Ordinance stated "Revenues generated by this surcharge shall be deposited in the City's Water Construction Fund". On May 27, 2008, Council passed Ordinance 743 stating "Revenues generated by this surcharge shall be deposited in the City's Water Capital Improvement Fund". This increased the surcharge by an additional \$10.00 making \$18.30 the total.

****Reminder**** If your are over 62 and low to moderate income, you may be eligible for a USDA GRANT that will pay your Facility charge and for the electrical work necessary to hook up to the Sewer system. The application forms are available at City Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity if you are eligible. CDBG GRANT forms not ready yet.

Mayor Kenneth Jones and his staff.