

**Union County School District #11
Imbler Public Schools
Imbler, Oregon**

**July 3, 2017
Imbler City Hall
7:00 P.M.**

Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Mayor Mike McLean called the special meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked Ken Patterson to provide a summary of the septic project that the Imbler School Board has been working on.

Old Business

Septic Project Discussion

Ken Patterson updated those present on the issues facing the school. He noted with the septic issues the school faced this spring, a septic system is a priority. In working with Anderson and Perry, it has been suggested that the district install a step system. With this system, each structure would have a septic tank along with a lift pump to pump the liquid to an evaporative pond. The district has been searching for a site for quite some time and recently found property southeast of town where the owner, Jim McDonald, is willing to provide property for the school's immediate need and is also willing to provide property to meet the city's need down the road. The school needs a two acre parcel. Seven acres along with an additional 28 acres for land application would be necessary if the city was to tie into the project.

Mr. Patterson stated that the school is in a position where it needs to proceed with the project and the school board wanted to see what the city is willing to commit to at this time. Routing options were discussed. It was noted that one option would be to route the lines west of the city, however, for future planning, it would be better to run through the city in order for ease of connection at a later date. Mr. Patterson noted that the school could take care of their needs as an independent project, but that this is a good time to work together to secure land for both needs. The city could purchase a permanent easement which would allow for connection to the system at a later date. The possibility of upsizing the line from a 4" to 6" line to accommodate the city's needs was also discussed.

Concerns were expressed by neighboring property owners regarding flooding in the area. Mr. Patterson noted that this is the first of many conversations and that the property would need to be approved by DEQ and the county. Landowners would have the opportunity to provide their input at the point it goes before the county planning department.

Duane Berry clarified that the board was present to determine the city's interest in upsizing the pipe. Ken Patterson added that he would like to know the city's level of interest in obtaining property to allow for future expansion as well.

Mayor Mike McLean noted that he struggles with the idea of spending money on items that may not be utilized for years. Mr. Berry asked for more information on costs for upsizing the line. It was also noted that the district will be having the property appraised to determine the value of an easement. Mayor McLean stated they needed cost information before they could make a decision.

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Art Rhodes stated he would be willing to help anyone interested in establishing a sanitation district if it was decided that would be the best route to take with the project.

Ken Patterson stated the next step would be to get a signed agreement with Anderson and Perry in order to obtain legal descriptions of the property. This is necessary in order to complete the appraisal. At that time, a more detailed site plan will be developed and more information will be available to the adjacent property owners of the potential site.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss regarding the septic system, the special meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Board Members Present

Wade Bingaman, Kaiger Braseth, Pam Glenn, and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Teressa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk