

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: January 24, 2019

Policy Issues	
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How does annexation work?	Charlie explained. No annexations are planned for the Sequim area at this time and he explained all the various hoops that must be met to make this happen. He talked about the UGA process. We also addressed the eminent domain system. No there are no plans for the City to use eminent domain regarding the possible future plans for Prairie Street.

Operational Issues	
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Fir Street	David explained the status of this total project. He advised that once this is started it will be about an 18-month project.
A citizen complained about standing water on Dunlop Street.	David took notes and will pursue what is causing the problem.
There is a planned housing development off South 7th. What is the status?	Plans have been submitted and the necessary infrastructure plans have been discussed. No indication when construction might start.
What is the population growth in Sequim and what is the effects of tourism; new business etc.?	Charlie responded to this regarding the growth in Sequim as compared to the rest of Clallam County. Growth will continue, and we can hope for additional businesses to follow that growth. There are mitigation fees for traffic and parks added to the costs of new development etc.
Complaint that street lights were dim and needed to have additional lights in the area of E Willow and Dunlop plus areas of S 7th.	David indicated that there had recently been a project to change to LED lights and that might have an effect; although the lights should actually be brighter. He said he will look into the intensity of the lights that were indicated as dim to see what might be done.
A big thank you for the removal of a large tree that had roots starting to take out the sidewalk on Dunlop Street.	Project was well done and accomplished the purpose of preventing a walking hazard on the sidewalk at that location.

How much capacity does the WRF have after adding Carlsborg and the Tribe?	David explained the benefits of these additions since they "pay their own way." We will not let the capacity get beyond what is planned now and that of the future of growth in the City. If necessary, there may need to be either a moratorium or an expansion of the WRF.
Other Issues	
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Community School	Charlie explained this is school property and the City does not know the school district's plans at this time. There will most likely be some sort of school facility at that site in the future.
A young man asked about how he can get into politics.	The Mayor suggested he contact the Leadership Class at the high school; attend meetings in the City; volunteer, and if he is 18--applying for the many City commissions and Boards--to include the City Council. The Mayor talked with this individual after the meeting.
Will the Fire Dept be able to handle the growth as it happens?	This is a question best handled by the Fire Dept and/or the County. It appears that a plan is in place to project for the future growth needs.
How can they help regarding those affected by the Government shutdown?	Utility bills will be handled on a case by case basis. Citizens can come forward and pay another's bill. United Way, the Food Bank, many banks and other organizations have programs to help those affected by this shutdown. Hopefully it will not last much longer. (The shutdown did stop on the 26th).
Does WAVE have a responsibility to provide service to all in Sequim?	Charlie answered this based on the franchise agreement between WAVE and the City. If there are at least 45 customers within a mile of a location that wants service, WAVE must provide the service. Charlie is working with WAVE on this at this time.
There were questions regarding a hospital in Sequim.	All would love to see one and Charlie explained the impact of the new CMS ruling regarding payments to medical facilities more than 250 yards away. OMC is in a lawsuit against CMS about their ruling. No progress regarding a hospital in Sequim can be made until there is some sort of change to this CMS policy regarding Medicare payments.