



CITY OF NEEDLES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Rick Daniels, City Manager *Rick*

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

DATE: March 13, 2015

City Mgr: ** Attended the Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board public hearing in Brawley on the Waste Discharge Requirements for the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. The permit was issued and it authorizes continued operation of the existing plant for the next three years, subject to routine water quality testing.
** Attended a portion of the Imperial Valley Renewable Energy Summit in Winterhaven. Met with Imperial County Officials on local permitting and revenue options and with representatives of energy developers. Also met with Assembly member Eduardo Garcia author of energy legislation which, if passed will require that the City increase its use from 30% to 50% of our energy from renewable sources. The City requested that the new legislation include credit for hydro power of which we derive a significant percentage of our power use.
** Met with the City of Blythe and the Palo Verde Community College on the requirements for the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan which is a precondition for grant funding of water infrastructure projects.

City Clerk: ** Processing Form 700 – Conflict of Interest for boards, commissions and city staff
** Researching possible fee increases for business license renewals
** Researching establishment of a fee to charge when the Mayor performs marriage ceremonies
** Ongoing – processing business license delinquent accounts
** Ongoing – codifying the Needles Municipal and Zoning Codes
** Ongoing – public records requests

Utilities: ** Electric: Working on the 69KV railroad crossing near Carl's Jr. restaurant
** Responding to and completing normal service orders and customer complaints
** Working on acquiring right-of-ways for proposed power line extension
** Continuing repairs on the 69KV lines damaged from storm, behind Carl's Jr Restaurant
** Facilitating power boxes at community events
** Preparation of quarterly and annual report required by State and Federal reporting requirements
** Site visits with BLM and engineering dept. to the city's BLM-provided right-of-ways

** See attached of service orders for the period February 12 thru February 24 and February 25 thru March 11

- Engineering: ** Extending sidewalk improvements on Bailey Avenue in front of hospital with remaining grant money from the bus & pedestrian improvements grant
** The portion of the curb, gutter & sidewalk on D & Third Streets is complete with final walk through February 25
** NAT bus garage is erected and awaiting lighting package for both garage & office. Estimated to be complete by April 3
** The sewer line replacement between MH #25 & 26 (hospital line) bid opened February 19 in the amount of \$75,433. Proceeding with approval to commence work.
** Working with railroad & BLM to clean up utility easements hopefully saving money each year
** Condemnation proceedings for rights-of-way on I-40 project continue
- Golf: ** HBCC show golf tournament on February 27. 50+/- players
** Rally for Cure cancer benefit on March 4 with 60-70 players
** Annual utilities event on March 27-28
** Golf club demo day scheduled for March 20. Titleist, Ping scheduled to be on site 8:00 am-12:00 pm
** February comparison 1-25
2014 total revenue = \$72,890 --- 2014 total players = 3,676
2015 total revenue = \$75,988 --- 2015 total players = 3,355
- Animal Cntrl: ** Preparing for dog day in the park on March 21. Securing vendors, donations, and distributing advertising throughout the tri state area.
** Increase in both cat and dog adoptions
** Date of rabies vaccination and licensing clinic changed by our vet to April 18. Time remains the same, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
** Animal intake at the shelter is on the rise with the start of "kitten" season. This will continue for about two months.
- Recreation: ** Final preparation and scheduling for our 10th annual basketball tournament on March 7-8. 33 teams entered.
** Final preparations for Jack Smith Park opening on March 7
- Aquatics: ** General maintenance being done to prepare for the upcoming season. Setting up state inspection and lifeguard re-certifications and new hires.

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Service Orders for 2/12/2015 to 2/24/2015

Electric Service Orders - 77

Water Service Orders - 41

Service Orders for 2/25/2015 thru 3/11/2015

Electric Service Orders - 98

Water Service Orders - 53