

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 8, 2018

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Kirwan, Myers, Smith, Gutierrez, Primmer, Hardin, Davis, and Barron. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Captain Clark, Clint Spencer, Mark Krawczyk, Roy Bicknell, Bill Schmittle, Larry Fetter, Thomas Creasing, Brandon Artz, Kasia Robbins, Chaz Hutchins, and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. News media present was Jade McDowell from East Oregonian and Michael Kane from NE Oregon Now. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve all Consent Agenda items, to include:

- A. Vacancy Announcement for City Committee's and Board's
- B. Liquor License Application- "Full On-Premises, Commercial" for El Ranchero located at 145 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston.
- C. Minutes of the September 24th, City Council and Urban Renewal Agency meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2112- Sewer Utility Rates

Assistant City Manager Morgan presented information regarding the recommendation by the Public Infrastructure Committee to increase sewer utility rates based on needed capital improvement projects (powerpoint presentation attached).

After Council discussion, Councilor Smith moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2112 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2113- Water Utility Rates

Assistant City Manager Morgan presented information regarding the recommendation by the Public Infrastructure Committee to increase water utility rates based on needed capital improvement projects.

Public Comment

Jackie Linton, 111 E Beebe Ave- asked for clarification on the basic use charge.

City Manager Smith stated the basic fee amount, if approved, will be \$30.00. Any consumption after the basic fee amount will be charged accordingly.

Councilor Gutierrez moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve Resolution No. 2113 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2114- Joint Facility Use Agreement with the Hermiston School District

Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter gave a brief presentation regarding the School District and City's partnerships throughout the years and stated the proposed Joint Facility Use Agreement will formalize many of the previous facility uses between the Hermiston School District and the City. The agreement cooperatively makes available the use of facilities at no charge to the other party as the facilities are available and allows for reasonable expansion of uses with the most recent use being the Aquatic Center for the use of district wide 2nd Grade Water Safety Project and the Girls High School Swim Team swim practices (powerpoint presentation attached).

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Aquatic Center Manager Kasia Robbins gave information regarding the 2nd grade Water Safety Project process and results with specific information regarding:

- Low, moderate, and high risk drowning assessments for children
- 50% of children were scared of the water
- 84% of children being classified as high risk/non-swimmers with no independent water survival skills
- This project will provide those who have been identified as high-risk, 5 swim lessons for \$10.00 during the 2019 swim lesson season, to help them learn life-saving skills (handouts attached).

Hermiston School District Athletic Director Larry Usher stated he, as well as the School District are supportive and excited about this agreement and being able to provide more opportunities, going forward, with no additional fees. The entire School District is also very supportive of the Water Safety Project as they know it will save lives, and hope to be able to expand the project to the junior highs and high school students and also be able to incorporate them as physical education classes.

Mr. Fetter and Recreation Supervisor Brandon Artz thanked Ms. Robbins for all of her work putting this Project into fruition. They also briefly spoke about other ongoing activities at the Aquatic Center to include:

- Adult swim
- Water aerobics
- Pendleton Swim Association also using the facility
- And the need for an indoor swimming area to provide year-round safety, exercise, and recreation activities

The Council thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all of their work on this project as well as the School District for their support as this information is very eye opening. The continued success of this Project is necessary to help save the lives of children in our area, specifically when the area has large volumes of water surrounding it. There was some discussion regarding offering these classes for free instead of at a reduced rate. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to approve Resolution No. 2114 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Selection of EOTEC Construction Manager/General Contractor for EOTEC Building/RV Park Projects

City Manager Smith presented the Council with three responses for construction of the Umatilla County Fair Office, Storage Facility, and RV Park. The Fair Office and storage facility were approved in the separation agreement between the County and City and the year-round RV Park construction has been and is a high priority project. City staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Knerr Construction based on their construction experience with EOTEC.

Public Comment

John Eckhart from Knerr Construction stated they felt confident in being able to complete the established projects, with high quality work, at or under budget, and by the given deadline. These projects will also bring work to a lot of subcontractors in the area as they will have opportunities to bid and work on the projects.

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Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve Knerr Construction as the EOTEC Construction Manager/General Contractor. Motion carried unanimously.

(Jade McDowell and Kasia Robbins exited the meeting at 8:28pm)

September Financial Report

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve the September 2018 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Gutierrez stated the Committee will meet next week.

Citizen Accountability Board- Councilor Gutierrez and Councilor Primmer stated the Committee met with four youths last week. They usually meet with one to six youths although the overall numbers have been decreasing.

EOTEC Advisory Committee- Councilor Kirwan and Mayor Drotzmann stated the Committee met last week and reviewed the preliminary survey results for strategic planning of EOTEC. The deadline has been extended to October 12th in hopes of having more Latino and male involvement in the survey. The Lacrosse group presented their field proposal and EOTEC member Vijay Patel was very supportive of their proposal stating the development of these fields will bring in many area tournaments and benefit the area with recreational tourism. The Committee will continue to engage in this process while being mindful of addressing long term community needs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann gave information regarding:

- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference. Encouraged all Councilors to attend future conferences if able
- Encouraged all Councilors to attend LOC's Regional Priorities Meeting Tuesday, October 16th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at EOTEC, stating this is an opportunity for city officials to advocate for their community
- Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 10th at BMCC at 6:00pm

Council Report

Councilor Myers, Hardin and Barron gave information regarding the community tours they attended during LOC specific to:

- Homelessness
- Community Court
- Mental Health Services
- Providing a one-stop-shop where 10-12 other agencies/resources are all available in one location
- Specific DMV permissions for the homeless
- Downtown activities
- Autzen Stadium and coordination efforts for events held at this facility, as well as emergency readiness
- Property taxes throughout the state

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Councilor Gutierrez stated the City has accomplished so many things for the community, ie: great partnership with the School District, developed soccer fields, donated land for the development of the Stafford Hansel Government Center and Higher Education Center, completed the first phase of EOTEC, and now it is time to give children an opportunity to better educate themselves on survival skills through swim lessons. As a Committee member of Good Shephard Health Foundation, he believed there are grants available to pay for the program the Parks and Recreation Department has developed.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith gave information regarding:

- National City Managers Conference he and Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan attended
- EOTEC will hold an Open House on October 18th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Assistant City Manager Morgan introduced the new Airport Manager Rolf Anderson. Mr. Morgan stated since taking over the Airport, there has been a 25% fuel sale increase.

Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the regular meeting at 9:05pm as there was no other business.

SIGNED:

/s/Dave Drotzmann

MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/Lilly Alarcon-Strong

CITY RECORDER



WATER & SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT/INCREASE



W & S Capital Improvement Plan



- 2015
 - CIP listed as Council priority
- 2016
 - Began CIP with Public Infrastructure Committee
 - No viable plan without resources



W & S Capital Improvement Plan

- 2017 Still no viable way to address CIP needs
- PIC Refined List
- Still hopelessly short:
 - Water Storage: \$3M
 - Sewer Treatment Pumps: \$1.5M
 - Sewer Membrane: \$1M
 - Sewer Bottleneck: \$810,000
 - Annual Line Replace: \$600,000



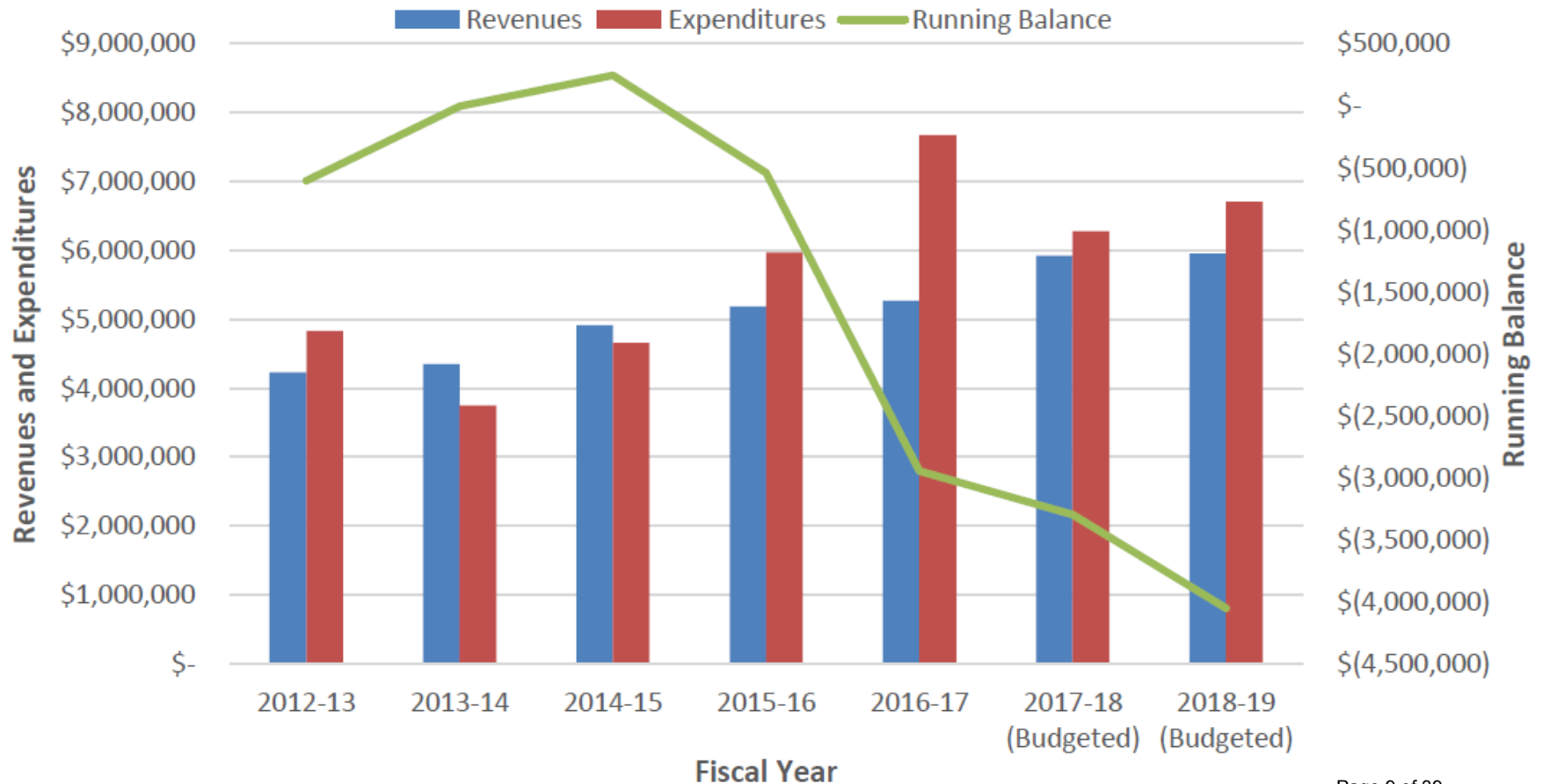
Water Line Break in <10*



W & S Capital Improvement Plan

CHART 2-1

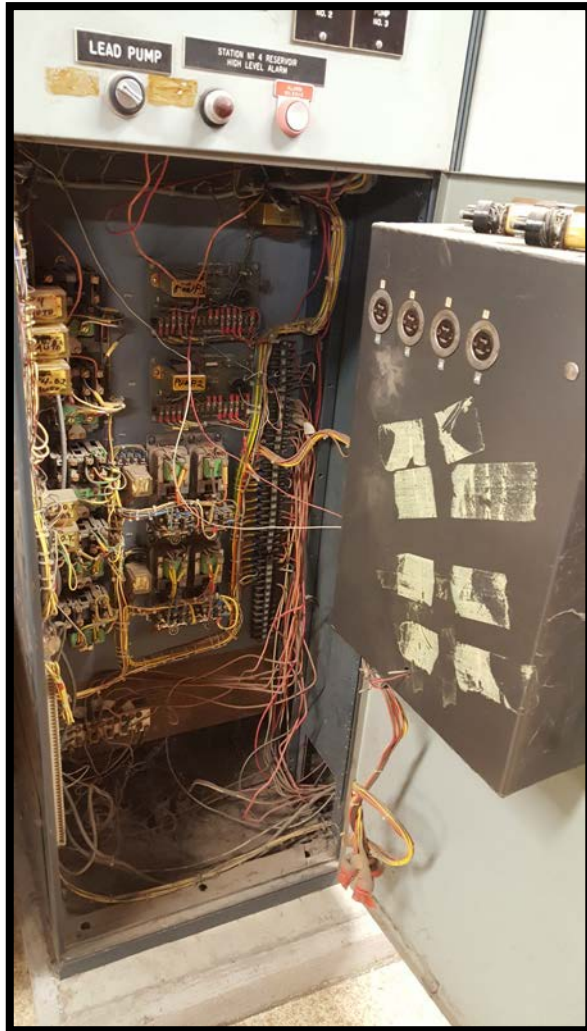
WATER/SEWER FUND HISTORICAL AND BUDGETED REVENUE VS. EXPENDITURES¹



“New” RWTP

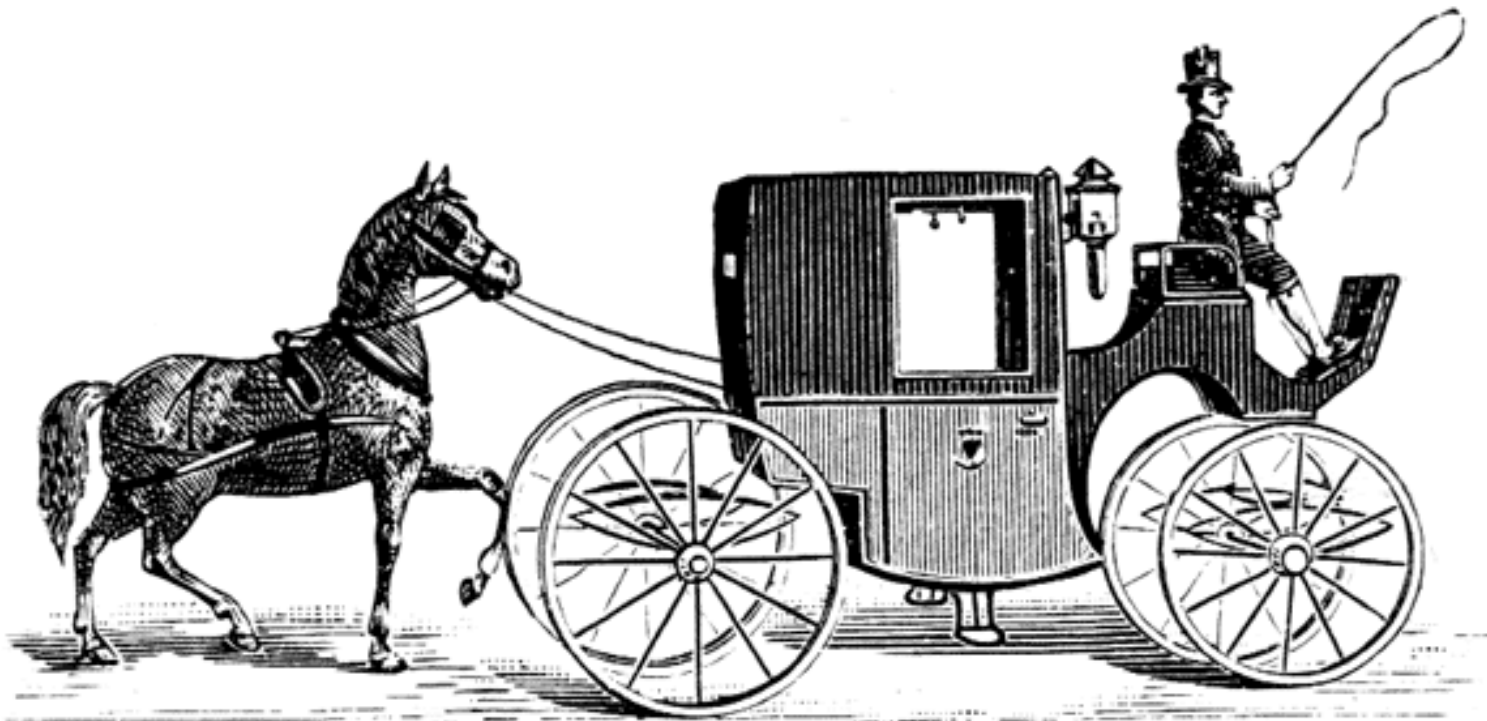


Well #4 Pump Controls (1960s)



W & S Capital Improvement Plan

This isn't working at all... I should warn others not to put their cart before the horse.



W & S Capital Improvement Plan

- 2018
 - PIC Examined Rate Options
 - Re-Structure:
 - 1-time to re-balance fund
 - Keep two services in same fund for borrowing
 - More precisely charge for usage



2018 Rate Analysis- Water

- Change to inclining rate
 - Encourage large users to conserve
 - Costs to system of additional units:
 - More storage required (i.e. new water tank)
 - More source capacity (i.e. new water rights/wells)
 - More ability to control bill



2018 Rate Analysis- Sewer

- Standardized usage-based rate
- Simplifies structure:
 - Single rate per unit regardless of category
- Same “type” different uses
 - Professional Office
 - Fast Food
 - Car Wash



2018 Rate Analysis

- 2017 DRAFT CIP Identified Revenue Needs
- 2018 PIC Identified methodology for billing
- Rate identified to achieve revenue needs



Customer Impacts- Me

- Single Family Home
- 3 Person Family
- 10,000SF Lot



Customer Impacts- Me Water

Time	Usage	Bill	Increase
July	33,861	\$103.51	\$42.61
January	2,168	\$31.08	\$11.26
Annual Avg.	14,800	\$53.12	\$18.03



Customer Impacts- Me Sewer

Time	Usage	Bill	Increase
Winter	2,212	\$41.64	\$14.39
Annual Avg.	2,212	\$41.64	\$14.39



Sanity Check



Rate Comparison

- 2016 Raftelis Study WA & OR
- Hermiston among lowest rates
- Hermiston implemented rate increases since
- No updated study
- Staff updated Oregon cities & regional
- Hermiston now 2nd lowest

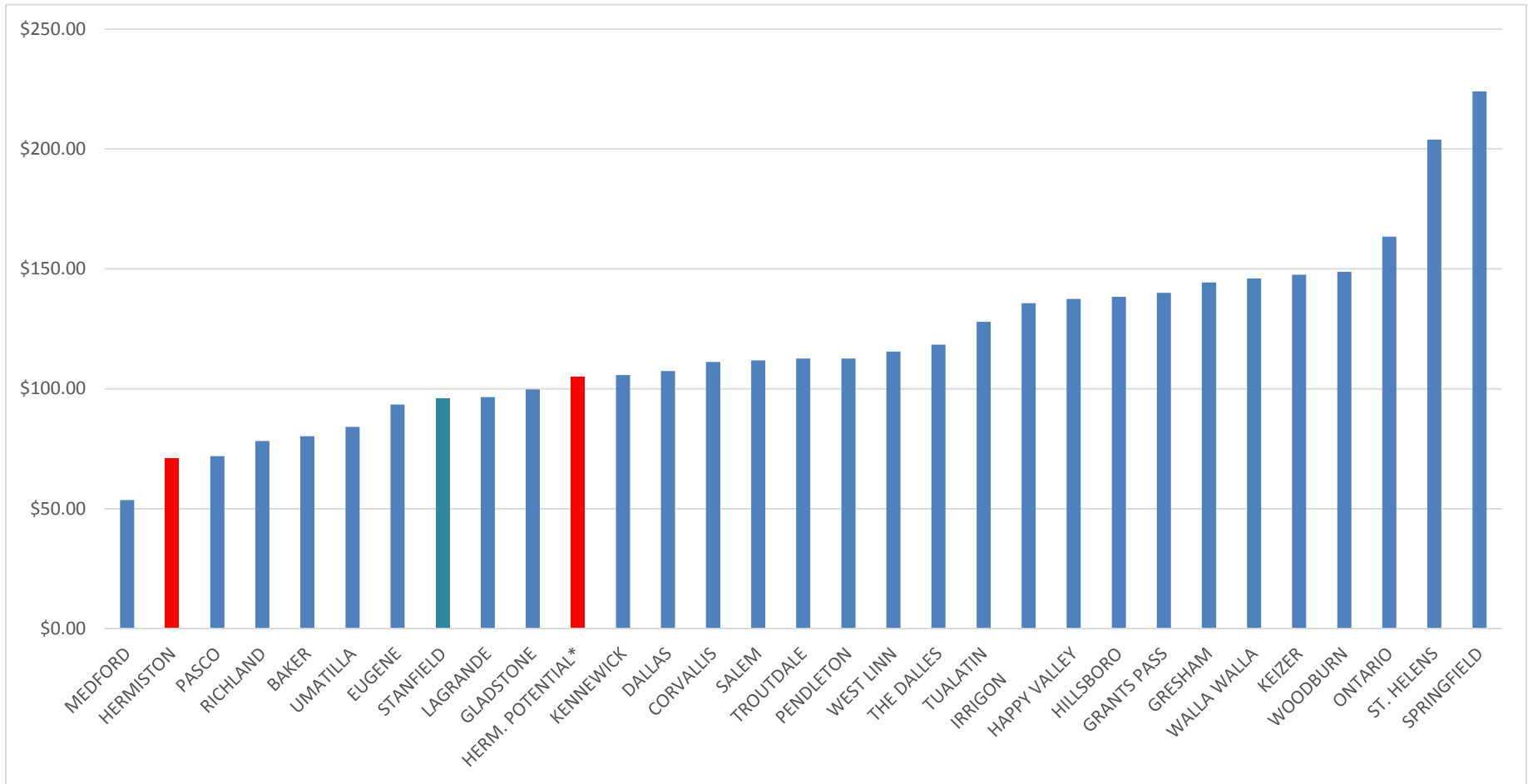


Rate Comparison

- 15.6% Rate Increase
Phased over 1 year
- 3.3% Inflation over same
time
- Effective increase: 12.3%

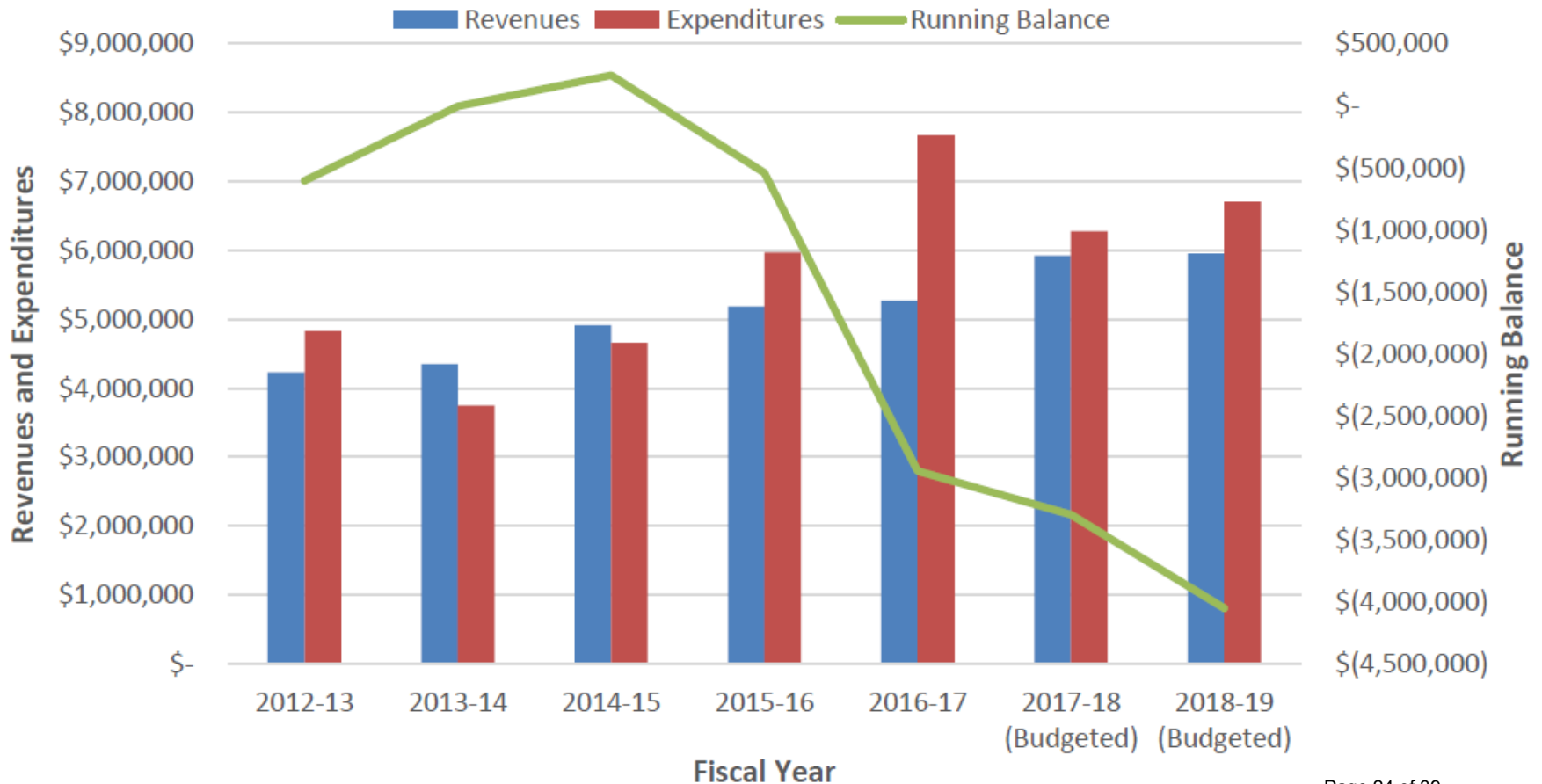


W & S Rate Comparison



Utility Fund

CHART 2-1
WATER/SEWER FUND HISTORICAL AND BUDGETED REVENUE VS. EXPENDITURES¹



Questions?





JOINT USE AGREEMENT

HSD and City



Joint Use Agreement

- Prior uses
- Fees
- Prior agreements
 - Rocky Heights
 - Kennison Stadium
 - Harkenrider Center
- New opportunities
 - Pool Season Extension





Water Safety Project



Water Safety Project

- Prior to arrival-wristbands
- Groups-swim instructor/PE instructor
- Rotations-every 25 min; Swim instructor, diving board, swim instructor, lifejackets.
- Evaluation-certificates



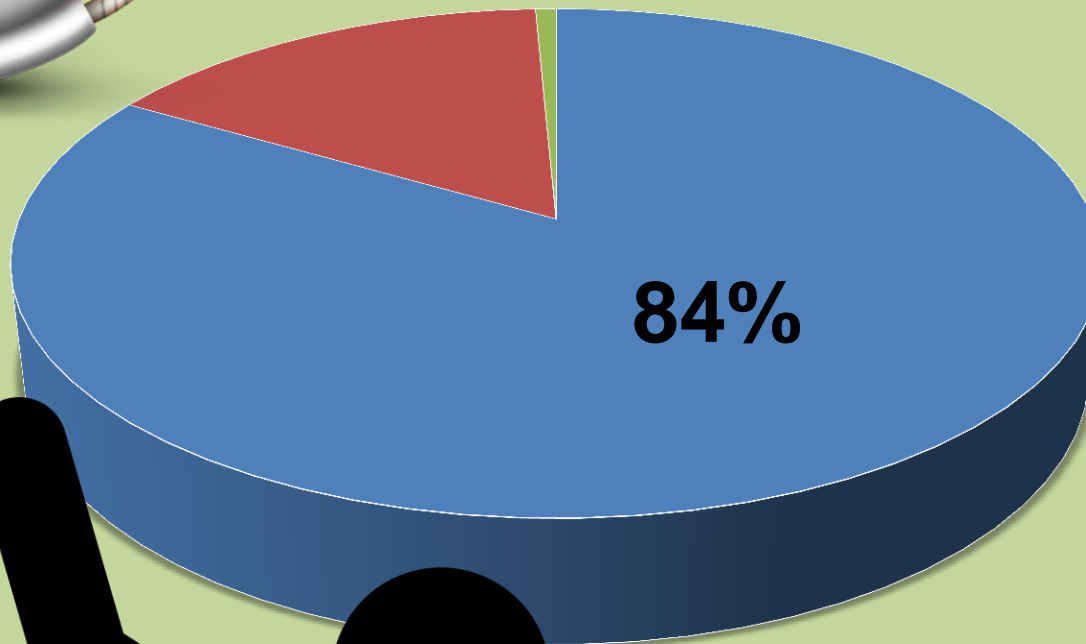
Understanding the Risk

- Low Risk
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk





Hermiston 2nd graders



■ High Risk
346

■ Moderate Risk
66

■ Low Risk
3





Early Intervention Targeted Swim Lessons Indoor Aquatic Center

Where Life is Sweet™



Hermiston Family Aquatic Center

West Park



1=Needs improvement

3=Working on the skill

5=Has mastered the skill

Front & back floats.....	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Bobs to safety.....	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Straight leg kicks.....	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Freestyle arms.....	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Freestyle with kickboard.....	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

2019 Summer Swim Lesson!

Join us for a special swim lesson session, just for the Hermiston School District swim lesson participant.

Dates: August 12th-16th 2019

NAME: _____

Days: Monday-Friday (25min each day)

Cost: \$10.00

SUGGESTED LEVEL: _____

Sign up at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center

Deadline: July 15, 2019

HFAC SL # _____

Thank
You!

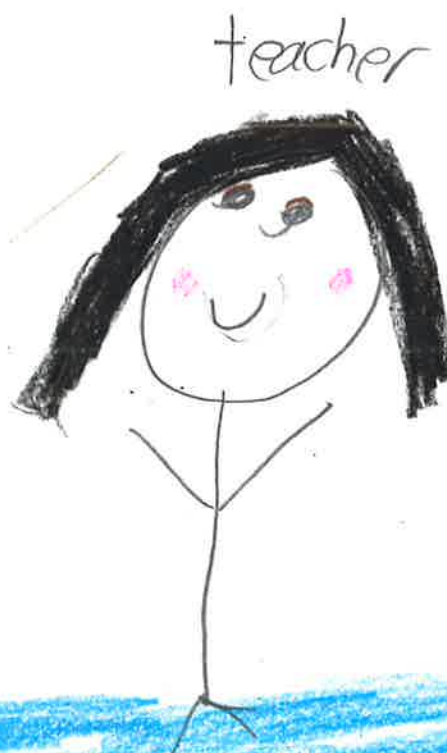
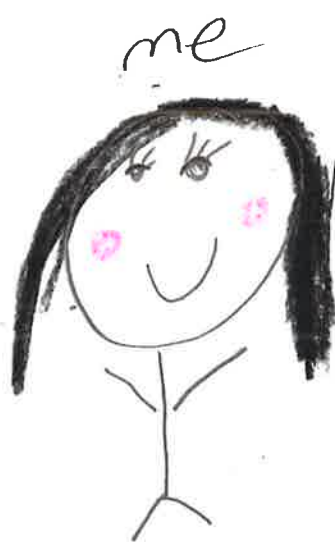
From: West Park
2nd Graders 😊



Dear Herminston Pool
Staff, Thank you for
letting us go to the
Pool. I really liked to
jump off the diving
board. I learned how to be
safe.

Dear Hermiston Pool

Thank you for the swim
lessons. I really liked the
superman glides. I learned how
to use the life jacket. My
favorite part was the white
water and blue water. From,
Efren



Dear Hermiston pools:-- Thank--
you for the-- swim-- lesson. I--
really--- liked-- the-- ring-- toss--
f--diving-- ring-- I learned to---
float.--- My favorite-- part was--
free style.--- Froms Alicia---



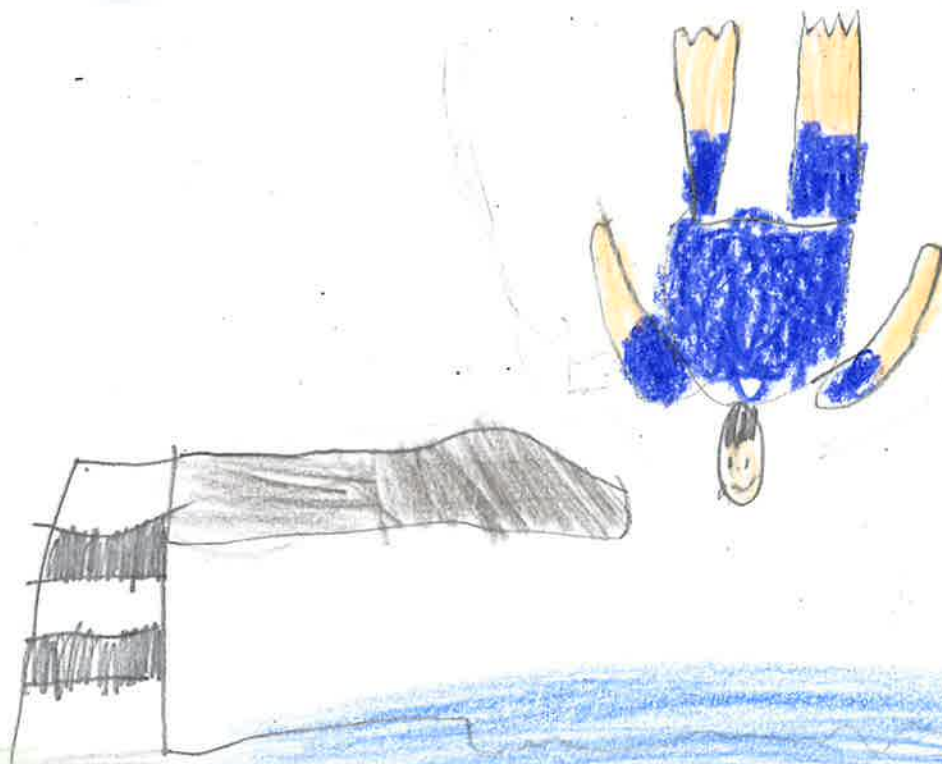
Dear Herminston Pools

Thank you for the swimming
lesson. I really liked the diving board.

I learned how to swim.

My favorite part was how to float.

From Ari's Matt



Dear Hermiton pools,
Thank you for the swim
lessons. I really liked going
down the slide. I learned how
to swim. My favorite part
was the diving board.
from
with