Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Present were Councilmembers Bruce Allen, Robin Black, Thomas Gill, Jim Sundberg and Rene Neff. Also present were City Planning Director, Jeff Arango; Public Works Director, Stan Berryman; Police Chief, Dave Marks; and Director of Finance, Debbie Mahler.

The Council went through the accomplishments so far in 2014. It turned out to be quite a list of completed projects and projects in process. Priority needs established in early 2014 were also reviewed and the progress on those noted.

Rate structures and fee schedule were discussed. Public Works Director Stan Berryman suggested a 3% rate increase for all utilities and no change in hookup fees. Councilmembers Sundberg and Gill suggested a larger increase for sewer and lower for stormwater and water. The sewer fund is in need of additional revenue. A change of 2%, 2% and 5% were discussed. The need for additional sewer extensions and hookups were discussed and this is being looked at in the sewer comp plan review.

Jeff Arango went over the capital improvement project and the need for amendments was discussed. Some items were removed, such as those with no funding source and those projects have been accomplished. Many of the parks issues on the plan were discussed. These projects have no funding sources and the city does not have the capacity to maintain the projects if they were to be implemented. The idea of blending the responsibilities of the Parks and Open Space Committee into some of the other existing boards and commissions was also discussed.

Jeff proposed some minor changes to the land use fee schedule. Councilmembers Sundberg and Black went over their interests and ideas for the 2015 budget which were discussed for some time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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