

Each year since 2005, I have submitted a monthly report to the Council. Each year, the report format has evolved. In 2008, the report gave an update on actions taken to meet major goals and objectives adopted by the Council. I do the same in 2009.

1. Proposed **Goals and Objectives for 2009** were discussed by Council and have been reported on the monthly Project Status Report (34 projects, which see). Here are the highlights.
 - a. Sewer system expansion into Rosedale Heights: This project is in suspense, pending future decisions on sewer system expansion.
 - b. Wind energy development: Research on financing and potential endangered species impacts is being done. Next report 10-16-09.
 - c. New Library Ordinance: Completed 5-19-09.
 - d. New Public Utilities Ordinance: The Council put the first reading over to 10-16-09 to allow more study on rates and connection policy.
 - e. Vehicle Storage on Town Streets Ordinance: Completed 9-21-09.
 - f. New Contracted Functions Ordinance: Completed 9-21-09.
2. **Personnel**: New Personnel Ordinance Completed 9-21-09.
3. **Emergency Response**: Participated in H1N1 readiness drill with Wahkiakum County Health Department, Updated flu prevention procedure with staff.
4. **Water Main Replacement Project**: Funding, bonds, loan documents, permits, easements, and public notices completed. Bids to open at 10:00 a.m., 10-14-09. Project start date: 11-2-09.
5. **Town-PUD Interlocal agreement for 2008-2009**: The PUD again disputes an operating expense charge deemed appropriate by the Town Attorney. The Town's response is now under review at the PUD.
6. **Budget for FY 2010**: The Mayor's Budget Message proposed a balanced budget with a too-small proposed 2010 ending balance of about \$10K. The Council identified about \$23K in Current Expense cuts to raise the ending Balance to a minimally acceptable level.
7. **Library**: The main focus this month has been on financing the Library for FY 2020. Council directed the Mayor to request \$8K from Wahkiakum County. The BOCC Chairman indicated on 10-13-09 there was no county money to help. Council now must decide on how to find or cut that money.

8. **Public Works New WWTP project:** The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to complete its review of the Town's proposed use of the federal 2009 STAG award for preparing the plans for the new WWTP by 11-2-09. See No. 9 below.
9. **New WWTP FFY 2009 STAG grant project:** The Council is determined to find a way to use the remaining \$91K of the federal 2009 STAG grant award for the new WWTP project. Gray & Osborne is looking into eligible projects for Council's consideration.
10. **Captured revenue:** Demand letters and filing of liens have resulted in thousands of dollars being received from scofflaws and delinquent accounts. Most of the "low hanging fruit" has been harvested for this year.
11. **Seasonal projects:** The Wahkiakum County jail crew has finished making steady progress on summer clean-up projects at the WWTP berms, the parks, and the corp yard grounds.
12. **Pool projects:** The Town Pool season closed 9-30-09. Safety equipment and the new solar supplemental heater has been installed.
13. **Town Hall/Library Building Safety and Seismic Engineering:**
 - A. Council accepted KGA's specifications for seismic stabilization construction work, but deadlocked on 10-5-09 on flooring and restroom requirements. A compromise will be presented to Council 10-19-09
 - B. The Town Hall office security and efficiency remodel is ahead of plan. Refurbishing and the front Palladian window restoration were done 9-30-09. Alarm and security video equipment is on order.
14. **New Water Source:** The Town's proposal and engineer's work plan scored well, but we learned the state did not fund most of the applications, including Cathlamet's. This will have to wait until the state's 2010 water system development grants are released. The prospect for new state money is very poor, according to out legislative contingent.

I will be very busy prioritizing work and making preparations to assist the next Mayor, who will be elected in the 11-3-09 General Election.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Richard A. Swart, Mayor