



# DIXON HAPPENINGS

**February 8, 2018**

## ***Water Rate Consultant Retained***

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Council awarded the Water Rate Study Project to Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. A water rate study will provide an independent analysis and assessment of the City's current water rate structure and determine and updated cost of service for the next five years. The study will also provide recommendations for equitable, sustainable cost recovery.

Dixon assumed operation & maintenance of the water system formerly operated by the Dixon-Solano Water Authority (DSWA) in August 2014. The adopted water rates were the same rates and fees established by DSWA prior to the ownership transfer which had been implemented back in Dec. 2012 and Dec. 2013. Rates have remained unchanged since that time and no rate study has been undertaken.

The permit to operate the system issued by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water requires that the City shall complete a Water Rate and Fee Structure study to fund the water system and pending capital expenditures.

## ***Solano County Improves Traffic Safety***

Solano County has completed installation of four-way stop traffic controls at the intersection of Porter Road and Pitt School Road south of the Dixon city limits. Please exercise caution in this area as drivers become accustomed to the new stop signs. The project resulted from collaboration between the City of Dixon and Solano County and is funded using Solano County Regional Traffic Impact Fees (RTIF) funds to maintain and improve traffic safety for our community.



## ***Grant Application for Traffic Enforcement and Safety***

A joint effort by City Engineer/Public Works and Police Department staffs recently took place for the submittal of a grant application to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). There is \$40 million in grant funding available throughout the State.

An application was submitted requesting a variety of components including:

- Provide 50% funding for a Police Traffic Officer for one year
- Reimbursement for traffic officer training
- Purchase of a motorcycle for a traffic enforcement officer
- Purchase of traffic enforcement equipment including a radar trailer and handheld electronic speed measurement devices

The grant award amount could approach \$300,000. If successful, staff would return to Council to accept the grant.

### ***Council Agenda Preview***

Council meeting on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>; among the items tentatively up for discussion:

- ❖ Fixin' Dixon update
- ❖ General Plan update
- ❖ Authorize the sole source purchase of transit security cameras
- ❖ Authorize a \$98,000 budget transfer for emergency SCADA & electrical repairs at the Watson Ranch, Parklane, Valley Glen, and School Well water supply facilities from the Chromium-6 Project.
- ❖ Cannabis update
- ❖ Accept the North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project as complete
- ❖ Request proposals for landscape maintenance services in the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD) & Parklane Community Facilities District (CFD)

As usual, the regular meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the Dixon Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street.

### ***Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Process Underway***

Administrative Services has kicked off the annual budget process distributing excel budget worksheets incorporating mid-year expectations of how fiscal year 2017-18 expenditures will wind up. There is a prescribed budget calendar that is followed, and so far departments have submitted 14 positions for consideration in the new budget. These requests may be for new positions, upgrades from existing positions or temporary staffing assignments.

A mid-year budget update for 2017-18 will be presented to Council at their February 27 meeting. The 2018-19 budget study session will take place on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the budget will be adopted in June.

