

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: February 22, 2018

Due to the very cold and icy weather, attendance was low; only 5 citizens were there. Four of the five citizens were there for the first time.

Staff in attendance included the City Manager, the Public Works Director, the Police Chief and the IT Director.

Policy Issues	
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Operational Issues	
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<p>A new citizen into the area must pay a fee for services (utilities) with the City. Individual thought the fee was \$280. It was understood that that fee would be given back to the citizen after one year. What is the process? Is the return automatic? Is it a check to them or a credit to their account. Charlie took notes on this to talk to Sue</p>	<p>It's different if you are a renter or an owner...</p> <p>The deposit ranges from approximately \$130 to \$280, depending upon the location and the services provided. All persons requesting services shall make a deposit with the City if they are not the property owner. The City will not require a deposit from a renter if the property owner waives this requirement in writing, (as the property owner is ultimately responsible for any unpaid bills at that property.) If they are the owner, they may either make a deposit or present a copy of verifiable prior utility credit deemed suitable to assure with certainty that the account will not become delinquent. A recent credit report showing a credit score of good or better is also acceptable.</p> <p>Renter's deposits are applied to their account after they move out, then any credit balance is refunded. Upon request, owners deposits may be refunded when there have been no late payments for the prior 12 months. The City is happy to refund the deposit (with a check) OR apply the deposit to the owner's account – whatever they want. Additionally, a deposit may be refunded in whole or in part upon close out of services. There are currently no systems in place to "automatically" return the deposit after 12 months of no late payments.</p>
<p>Plastic bags.</p>	<p>It was known by one gentleman that Port Angeles City Council was going ahead with a full ban on plastic bags. Will Sequim do the same?</p>

What are we working on in Sequim?	We all chimed in with input on this. I would believe that based on the staff present that this one was fairly well answered.
Simdars interchange	David gave a very in-depth explanation of where we are with this. I believe this one was answered as well.
Mary Bell asked about the graffiti sign at the skate park.	There was a very good discussion about the benefits etc. It is obvious that the City needs to establish some policy on this. For now it will be painted over every two weeks.
Broadband in Sequim	Clint Woods made a presentation on Broadband and fielded many questions. Glad to have him there and sorry we did not have more citizens to reap the benefits of his expertise.
County Issues	
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