

## MEETING CALENDAR

### April 6- Education Tax

Bob Cassidy will discuss a proposal which might address the existing budget gap and the shortfall in education funding. He suggests a special "Education Tax" that would be in the state constitution dedicated to school funding. It would be based on sales of commodities -like a sales tax. The legislature would determine the plan and refer it to our vote. Depending on many details -the numbers here vary a bit, but generally, a 5% tax would yield about \$8 billion dollars a year. We currently spend over \$3 billion a year and education experts say we need \$5 billion more. This new \$8 billion would cost us about under \$1 billion to collect, yielding \$7 billion (or \$1 billion short of the goal. It would cover all pre-kindergarten through Community College at a level of education that we could really be proud of again. And there would be money left over to build a rainy-day fund for schools. The \$3 billion we spend now for education could be restructured to provide the additional \$1 billion for education and \$2 billion to close the General fund gap.

Former Springfield Superintendent and Chief State Education Officer Nancy Golden will join Bob as a resource person.

April 20 – The Electoral College

## PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

### *Springfield City Council*

April 10 Work Session 5:30 p.m.  
Affordable housing strategy  
Downtown Refinement Plan Amendments

April 17  
Work Session 6:00 p.m.  
Wastewater/Stormwater rates  
Main Street Safety Project  
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.  
Fees and Charges ordinance  
Public Hearing 2018-2022 CIP

April 24  
Work Session  
Local Improvement Districts  
Fire Station Discussion  
Proposed Development Code Amendments  
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

May 1  
Work Session – 6:00 p.m.  
Affordable housing strategy  
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Public Hearing: Wastewater/Stormwater Rates

### *Lane County Commissioners*

April 4 9:00 a.m.  
  
April 11 – (9:00 a.m.  
Public Hearing: Ambulance Service Plan  
Public Hearing: Junction City TSP

April 18 – NO MEETING

### *Lane Transit District*

April 19 5:30 p.m.

### *Willamalane Park and Recreation District*

April 12 7:30 p.m.

### *School District 19*

March 10 7:00 p.m.

Springfield Utility Board  
April 12 7:00 p.m.

## MEETINGS

### March 6 – Water Supply

The two water utilities in the metropolitan area present different pictures on their water needs and plans for sustaining the needed capacity over the next 25 years.

The Springfield Utility Board (SUB) relies on multiple sources for its supply. Groundwater wells in the Mill Race area and at the north edge of Springfield, near the McKenzie River, are supplemented by an existing water right to withdraw water from the Middle Fork of the Willamette. Those sources have a capacity of about 26 million gallons per day, according to Greg Miller, SUB Water Director. While that supply is adequate to meet the 2016 demand of 18 MGD, SUB's long term planning exercises indicate that by 2042 demand (Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1) could approach 42 MGD. This projection includes assumptions that conservation has reduced the growth in demand, as has a major reduction in system loss due to leakage, which has shrunk from 23% of demand to 13% of demand,

Because even those conservative assumptions indicate a potential shortfall, SUB has begun planning for an additional intake on the McKenzie River. Originally, it was anticipated that the new intake, which could supply up to 23 MGD would be needed by 2022, but efforts to reduce consumption have pushed that timeline back to 2026. SUB currently gets about 40 percent of its water from surface water, the balance from its well fields. That percentage will increase once a new surface water plant comes on line

Looking at the Eugene Water and electric Board's water system, EWEB is concerned because it has only one significant source – surface water on the McKenzie. Although EWEB has a small number of wells in the Gateway area, there are not a =significant source of supply.

While EWEB is concerned because of the absence of diverse sources, by contrast they believe they have more than adequate supply for the next 25 years. Average daily demand is about 15-18 MGD and the Capacity of the Hayden Bridge plant is about 80 MGD. Even with a clear surplus of supply, EWEB is concerned about the absence of diversity and is now moving to implement a plan to withdraw water from the Willamette just downstream of the confluence of the Middle Fork and Coast Fork. The withdrawal location selected is on the west bank of the River in Glenwood, where they have acquired property from the Wildish companies.

EWEB is now seeking land use approvals to construct an intake at that site, and hopes to have a new plant operational by 2022. Although that plant will have a capacity of about 19 MGD, their current plan is to only insert one to two MGD into their system. This would keep the taste and feel of the water unchanged, but would also keep a new plant exercised so that it would be easily available in the event of an emergency.

EWEB gets virtually all of its water from surface water. That will not change with the addition of the new plant.

In response to questions both SUB and EWEB said they have removed all lead pipes from their system as far as they know. In addition, EWEB is treating the PH of its water to eliminate the possibility of corrosion.

**March 16 – Mayor Christine Lundberg.** Mayor Lundberg reviewed her State of the City address, She noted some particular events, like the lighting of the Springfield Flame, the success in restoring the Swanson mill after a devastating fire. She noted the opening of the Fertilib innovation facility in downtown, and the expansion o the program of pedestrian level street light along Main Street. She also discussed the City's interest in restoring the wood products industry in Springfield by advancing the use of cross-laminated timber, which is growing rapidly in Europe, but seemingly more slowly in the United States. She noted that there is only one producer of CLT in Oregon and hoped to encourage more. The City has produced a design for a multi-story parking garage to be located in Glenwood to support new development there.

In answer to a question about Eugene's decision not to seek an expansion of its urban growth boundary for residential development, she said that Springfield had land available and would be happy to help build housing.

### City Club Board of Directors

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**Springfield City Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
February 7, 2017 – Wildish Community Theater

In Attendance:

Terry Beyer, President	Len Goodwin	Steve Moe
Joe Leahy, President-elect	Merlyn Hough	Carolyn Miller
Dan Egan, Secretary		

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.
2. Approval of the previous minutes: The previous minutes were approved through a motion by Len Goodwin.
3. Additions/deletions to the agenda: Joe Leahy added several items to be discussed during the Membership portion of the agenda.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Financial Report: Terry Beyer reported that generally, Springfield City Club finances are in good shape with a good return in renewals and a handle on expenses.
  - b. Membership Report: Terry Beyer distributed the membership list that reflected both paid and unpaid members. The list was reviewed with information about absent members shared by the board. The list of past members was divided by board members so they could call and invite those past members to rejoin Springfield City Club, or determine if they are not planning to return.

Joe Leahy proposed that visitors to the Club pay \$5 instead of the current \$10 at the door. Dan Egan moved and Len Goodwin seconded a motion to reflect this change. The motion passed.

Joe Leahy asked about the status of Marilee Woodrow in regards to her support of the Club each meeting. Terry Beyer said that Marilee indicated she could not continue in this role. The board discussed options. It was decided to help President Beyer in this role for now. Carolyn Miller suggested a political science student might fulfill this position. Terry Beyer said she would work up a list of duties associated with this administrative position.
  - c. Program Report: Merlyn Hough presented the report. The following Club meetings have been scheduled:
    - February 16 – Fake News
    - March 2 – EWEB/SUB/GLENWOOD water discussion
    - March 16 – Springfield Library Discussion and Mayor Lundberg State of City review
    - April 6 – Re-scheduled Education Funding MeetingThe Board then discussed possible future programs for some time. Possibilities include:
    - Homelessness in Springfield
    - Affordable Housing in Springfield
    - Immigration Issues
    - PERs impact in Springfield
    - Electoral College
    - Sanctuary Cities
5. April 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Site: Terry Beyer said she would check with Willamalane as the Hilton Garden Inn cannot accommodate Springfield City Club on that date.
6. Board Recruitment: President Beyer reminded the board that there were openings for board members, and to be looking for possible candidates for new board members.
7. Joe Leahy will be writing the next piece for the monthly newsletter
8. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.