
Junction City: Community Meetings

Six meetings from 9/16/25-9/18/25, Junction City Community Center, 175 W. 7th St. in Junction City, 11 am & 6 pm (Duration: 1 hour)

The goal of the community meetings is to inform and engage residents about upcoming water and sewer infrastructure improvements and police department updates, fostering transparency and trust.

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<i>Virtual/Digital</i>	<i>Phone calls, emails, website, reader board, Facebook posts</i>
<i>In-person</i>	<i>Conversations & flyers</i>

Contacted: 21 community groups, 15 churches, 50 businesses

Attendance:

Date	Staff	Community
9/16/25	City Administrator Jason Knope <u>Police:</u> Eric Markell, Deputy Chief and Isaac Cox, Administrative Assistant; <u>Public Works:</u> Gary Kaping, Public Works Director, and Jeremy Tracer, Public Works Superintendent	AM: 5 community members; Mayor Ken Wells PM: 3 community members; Mayor Ken Wells
9/17/25	City Administrator Jason Knope <u>Police:</u> Eric Markell, Deputy Chief, Janet Deckard, and 2 others <u>Public Works:</u> Gary Kaping, Public Works Director, and Jeremy Tracer, Public Works Superintendent	AM: 3 community members; Mayor Ken Wells PM: 1 community member Council President Karen Leach
9/18/25	City Administrator Jason Knope <u>Police:</u> Janet Deckard, and 1 other <u>Public Works:</u> Gary Kaping, Public Works Director	AM: 1 community member PM: 2 community members

Meeting Overview

The meeting started with staff introductions, followed by presentations. The City Administrator presented sewer and water updates, the Public Works Director provided support and explanation for community questions and other public works projects, and the Deputy Chief of Police presented on staffing, new technologies, and the drone program.

Sewer Summary:

- In 2000 we got started on upgrades, then we decided to change direction and returned the \$10 million loan - the proposed system was not large enough for projected future development.
- We tried to replace the old system in conjunction with a proposed prison near JC, but when the State canceled the prison funding around 2012, we began working with DEQ to meet community needs.
- A lot has changed since we started working on the upgrades. Constraints on discharging water into creeks means we need to increase water quality before discharging into Flat Creek.
- The DEQ placed limits on building in Junction City until we have a new system. We get “40 EDUs” for building right now, and need to maintain enough permits for commercial development. The result is a moratorium on most residential construction.
- The wastewater system will cost around \$75 million, and that doesn’t include the other costs, such as maintenance and testing. Our rates are below the average rate for cities in Oregon now, and they will need to go up in order to qualify for State grants or loans.

Water Summary:

- We are expanding our water system by building new wells, focusing on areas where there are currently no wells. We placed Bailey well on the West side of 99 and plan to construct two other wells as well.
- The pipes need to be replaced, they are too small and are deteriorating. This will increase fire flow and the quality of the water. We will be talking with the Council to develop a sustainable process going forward.
- There are lots of water grants out there and we need the Council to set priorities.

Other Public Works Projects:

- Our recycle program at 175 Elm takes curbside plus metal.
- Facebook is the best way to track leaf pick up and street cleaning, and Christmas tree pick up.

Police Summary:

- Our biggest battle has been staffing. Now we will be at 11 officers and have a full staff for the first time in many years. More traffic enforcement, better service to the community.
- Upgrades to new technologies include our CAD system which interfaces with the County. It will benefit our officers to see things happening live, vs radio updates.
- Also, in August, we were able to switch to new in-car cameras with license plate readers. Next, we plan to install fixed cameras at the entry point of the city to track vehicles.
- Also, a drone program is in development to help find people.

FAQ /Follow ups

Water/Sewer

- What is the pump house? What happens there?
 - Explain what is in water pump stations and how they work
- Is the City still discharging into Flat Creek? How do other city do it?
- Can we look at ways to manage bills that go up and down each month (considering people on a fixed income)?
 - Potentially implement a level monthly pay plan for City utility bills, this would help people on fixed incomes.
- What is the timeline for projects?
 - Provide a schedule for future well improvements.
 - Include information on potholes and how/when they get fixed.

Other Public Works Projects

- How do we dispose of Christmas trees? How do we dispose of dead lawnmower?
 - Provide FB posts on street cleaning, leaves, flushing, disposal locations

Police

- Does the new administration system make record requests easier?
- How does the new FLOCK system work?
 - Describe the purpose and benefits of new police technologies to help people with privacy concerns.

Link to website: <https://www.jcpwd.com/>



YOU'RE INVITED TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Junction City invites you to join conversations with Police Chief Mark Waddell, Public Works Director Gary Kaping, and City Administrator Jason Knope.

In this series of meetings, learn and ask questions about water, sewer, and community safety in your neighborhood.

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COMMUNITY CENTER
175 WEST 7TH AVENUE
JUNCTION CITY, OR

11 AM - 12 PM
6 PM - 7 PM

SEPTEMBER 16TH
SEPTEMBER 17TH
SEPTEMBER 18TH

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Optional RSVP and send questions or comments:
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