

City halts sewer taps in suburbs

The Grand Junction City Council Wednesday imposed a temporary moratorium on sewer taps outside of the city limits.

The moratorium was an indirect result of a request by the developers of Green Meadows Subdivision for city sewer service. The subdivision will be located near Roads 26½ and G and the sewer line will tie into a sewer line at Road 26½.

Public Works Director Jim Patterson said his department has been working on an agreement with the developers for several months. He said although the developers were not encouraged to use the city line, they were not discouraged, either.

Council members expressed concern the present sewer plant may reach capacity in the near future, before the proposed Valleywide Sewer Plant is constructed. Plans and proposals

for the plant are currently before the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission.

"We do have to set a priority...we have to establish a position we will not accept any more agreements until the Water Quality Control Commission tells us what we can do," Councilman Karl Johnson said.

The council agreed, and voted not to accept any further agreements to provide sewer taps to persons outside the city until a timetable for planning and construction can be arranged for the Valleywide Sewer Plant.

The council, however, did accept the agreement with the Green Meadows Subdivision, and will also allow existing houses on the Poland Heights Subdivision to tie into the city's waste water treatment system via pumps and sewer lines constructed by the Ridges Metropolitan District.

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