

Debra Woods

From: Kimberly Bullen
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Debra Woods; Mary Elizabeth Geiger; Mike Bennett
Subject: Additional Comments

Deb,
Would you please print the following comments for Council's packet?



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From: Monique Ramirez <monique.ramirez@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 9:10:50 AM
To: Ciara DePinto <cdepinto@fruta.org>
Subject: Special City Council meeting for 29 Aug 2023

Good day Ciara,

My name is Monique Ramirez, I have been attending and have spoken during the public hearings on July 18th, Aug 15th and would love if you could read the below statement on the sell of Lake Enoch on Aug 29th since I am unfortunately unable to attend due to my business trip being extended.

I have reviewed the special meeting packet that was emailed out on Aug 25th. I have a few questions with regards to it. I saw that the City attached an email from the potential buyers and they made a statement within their email stating "Enoch Lake could be completely drained dry if we took all of the water we are entitled to", what are they talking about? I would like to request to see the written document that they are referring to that makes them think that they currently have all of the water rights.

I also saw that the email from Hollis Lyman was attached in the agenda package, however when I spoke to her she stated that no one from the City reached out to her to set up a meeting to discuss the possibilities of applying for grants, and that she would do it for free for them. I personally spoke to Aaron Hancey on 15 Aug letting him know about the grants and to see if he felt that the City would be interested in meeting with us to discuss options to save the Lake from being sold, and he stated yes he was very interested and felt that there might be others that would like to meet with her. Sadly since no one from the City has reached out to her, it makes us think that the City really isn't interested in trying to find alternate solutions to save Enoch Lake. I will be attending the meeting virtually, however I won't be able to speak. I can be reached via email or cell# 760-533-6907.

I would like to have the below statement read on my behalf during the public comment section please. If you could possibly email me back to let me know if you will be able to read it tonight.

Sincerely,
Monique Ramirez

My name is Monique Ramirez I live on S. 16 1/2 Rd in Glade Park CO. I would like to ask the council members how serious they are at pursuing alternate options for the sale of Lake Enoch. During the meeting on July 18th the public was informed that they would like to have any alternative options presented to them by 15 Aug. However Lake Enoch was not on the agenda for that meeting. The City has been trying for 10 years to find a solution, but 30 days is enough for the public? When members of the community tried to meet with council members to discuss potential grant options no one ever responded. I am asking all of you to please show the community that you were sincere when you stated that you wanted to find alternative solutions by voting tonight to not accept the offer. I am sure that the potential buyers would still be willing to purchase the lake at a later date, or sell it for a higher amount.

I personally am very passionate and willing to work with the City to ensure that the alternative options are best for the City of Fruita, and the Community as a whole vice three potential buyers. There are a lot of people like me, so the City would have a wealth of individuals to appoint to a committee.

The email from the individuals that submitted the offer to purchase the property stated "Enoch Lake could be completely drained dry if we took all of the water we are entitled to" if that is the case please provide the official water rights document stating that. Also why is Lake Enoch included in the 5yr agreement with the Glade Park Pipeline Water Users Association (GPPWUA) and the City of Fruita dated 1 January 2023. Sadly the GP community has blindly accepted statements as the truth when in actuality they were not. We have been told that there was an owner that had the "overflow" water rights to Lake Enoch which had made it where we couldn't get irrigation water from that pipeline until after the water stopped overflowing, no one ever pushed the matter. Then recently the GP residents that can purchase irrigation water like myself were told that the sale of Lake Enoch was a done deal so they were going to conduct repairs that would disconnect the connection to Lake Enoch to allow them to make the needed repairs and get the water turned back on for us. If they didn't do that repair it would have taken longer because it was under the road, and the City of Fruita stated that all work that was to be done under a roadway needed to be completed by them and not the GPPWUA. Due to it being the 4th of July holiday they figured it would take the City a while to repair and it had already been longer than usual for the residents to get the irrigation water due to the amount of overflow we had this year. That decision is now being used as a reason to sell the property. Shortly after the GPPWUA working party made that repair they then installed a new connection for a resident that actually went under S. 16 1/2 rd, which made me wonder what gave us the right to do work under the paved Rd but couldn't make repairs under a dirt road up in Pinen Mesa.

There are still a lot of questions that haven't been explained that could make individuals question if this entire thing isn't just a "good old boy hookup" and not truly a decision to help the City and be a good neighbor to the Community unless Community is just these three individuals that submitted the offer. Please vote to not accept the offer tonight which will prove to the True Community that you really do have the best interest of the City & the Community at heart.

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