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**To:** Hildale City Council; Hildale City Mayor  
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**Subject:** Maxwell Park Commercial Water Sales

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The Hildale-Colorado City Utility Board discussed commercial businesses “reselling” culinary water which is made available as a community service. During the discussion, several points were identified:

- The general complaint is that individuals can’t access the taps because of the large tank usage and the “fairness issue” of usage, not just the inconvenience of waiting for large water haulers to fill. Opinion was expressed that money is not the only concern, rather Maxwell Park water is there for the Community; Culinary customers paying monthly water bills should have the right to go to the park and get drinking water without waiting for these large tanks; The large tanks are not paying, only culinary water customers pay their monthly bill.
- The Utilities Department overviewed several options for the Board to consider.
  - For a whole year, the usage at the park is under \$2,000.00 a year.
  - Camp Hosting Facilities (Glamping) pay a transient room tax, part of which is returned to the city.
  - Establish a commercial fill station **at Maxwell Park** to aide in the surge flow.
  - The (residential jug size) taps at Maxwell could be changed so hoses can’t connect.
  - Park residential filling will be as a faucet with no hose connections.
  - Customers who can’t lift their water jugs could use the fill station but pay a rate like that of a hydrant meter.
  
  - Establish a commercial metered fill station **out of Maxwell Park**.
  - Signage will direct customers to pay at the Utility Department after filling.
  - Some customers may not pay, but most are honorable and will comply.
  - Estimated costs for developing a fully metered and on-site payment station on Louis Lane may be around \$35,000.00.
  - Utilities did not believe the project would pay for itself, at any near future time.
  
- Opinions supported a fill station on Louis Street vs. Maxwell Park.
- Staff was requested to research the option of making large tank filling at the park; and opine on the effectiveness.
- The Board directed staff to initiate a study for the Louis Lane commercial fill station and be reported to the next Utility Board Meeting.
- The Board recommends Hildale City Council approve the development of a temporary commercial tap and provide signage directing them to utilize such exclusively.
- The Board also recommended Hildale City Council close the existing residential taps to large water haulers immediately upon availability of the temporary commercial tap.
- Utility Board member / City Council member Dutson was tasked with presentation to the Hildale City Council.