



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Board

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

Meeting started by Chair Black at 6:00 pm

Roll Call of Board Attendees: Utility Staff

PRESENT

Chair Arvin Black
Board Member Sterling Jessop, Jr.
Board Member Rick White
Board Member Theil Cooke
Board Member Jesse Barlow

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Arvin Black led Prayer and Pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Board Members

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Board Members

No minutes available, they will be presented in the next meeting.

Financial Report:

1. Financial Statement

Utility Director, Weston presented the financial statement.

City Manager, Eric Duthie spoke clarifying the Interim Public Management role for the Utilities Department discussed last meeting.

2. Invoice Register

Utility Director Weston presented the invoice register highlighting the large purchases.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke, to pay the bills as they become due, and the funds become available. Seconded by Board Member White.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Jessop, Jr., Board Member White, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Barlow

Public Comments: (3 minutes each - Discretion of Presiding Officer)

Councilman, JVar Dutson expressed gratitude for the Ribbon cutting event this morning about finally getting natural gas to Colorado City AZ. He would like to discuss policy about penalty late fees.

Reports:

3. Utility Director Reports

Utility Director, Weston presented his report to the Board.

Unfinished Board Business:

Board member Barlow recommended continuing tours of the facilities.

New Board Business:

4. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation for approval to Hildale and Colorado City Councils concerning Impact Fee.

Utility Director, Weston presented the corrected schedule of projects from the water masterplan.

City Manager, Eric Duthie recommended to have this item tabled and placed on the next month's agenda. There is more information and discussion needed to go forward.

Guest Speaker, Curt Ludvigson spoke on Sandhill Tank, water Impact fees expenses, and information to get grant funding for water storage tanks. He discussed grant opportunities in detail.

Chairman Arvin Black thanked Curt Ludvigson for attending as a guest speaker and talked about the time sensitivity of moving the impact fee forward. All Board Members expressed concern of delaying the water impact fee again due to fiscal impact of the current growth in the community and moving the water projects forward. There was a more detailed discussion with the City Manager and the Board on coming to a consensus.

Roger Carter expressed concern about timing and complimented the Board on the healthy debate and discussion.

Councilman, JVar Dutson gave appreciation to the Board for having an in-depth discussion and explained how the effect of the impact fee going from \$0-\$18/\$19,000 for the small community is a big feat to figure out.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke, to table Impact Fee proposal for Hildale and Colorado City for next board meeting. Seconded By Board Member Barlow.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Jessop, Jr., Board Member White, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Barlow

5. Discussion and possible action to review and approve lease contract for sewer disposal field.

Utility Director, Weston presented to the Board; there was a discussion on the current cost of the lease agreement for the sewer disposal field.

Board members discussed amongst themselves in agreement.

Motion made by Board Member White, to recommend to City Council to approve the lease contract for sewer disposal field pending legal approval from City Attorney. Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr..

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Jessop, Jr., Board Member White, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Barlow

6. Review and possible approval an annual field maintenance contract.

Utility Director, Weston presented to the Board Allen Fellers offer to pay for all costs of pumping the water to run the pivot.

Board members discussed if there are any legal concerns.

Weston clarified the city will maintain the fence and the pivot. He recommends trying this for this season.

City Manager, Eric Duthie stated the current City Attorney will require the City Council to sign off on the contract.

Board Member Barlow made a motion to approve the field maintenance contract to be signed by City Council pending legal approval of the City Attorney effective until the end of the current year. Seconded by Board Member White.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Jessop, Jr., Board Member White, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Barlow

7. Large purchases: Gas meters

Utility Director, Weston presented the large purchase.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke to approve the large purchase for gas meters in the amount of \$19,861.92 Seconded by Chair Black.

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Jessop, Jr., Board Member White, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Barlow

8. Large purchases: Meter set fittings

Utility Director, Weston presented to the Board two quotes from Scholzens Products and Mountainland for fitting items for water meter services. The Scholzens Product quote was recommended.

Motion made by Board Member Barlow, to accept the quote from Scholzens Products in the amount of \$22,390.52, Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr..

Voting Yea: Chair Black, Board Member Jessop, Jr., Board Member White, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Barlow

Board Comments: (10 minutes total)

Board members comments of issues not previously discussed in the meeting.

Board Member Cooke appreciates the tour they attended the other day. The Board mentioned having more tours of the facilities in the future.

Executive Session: As needed

Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Chair Black Adjourned meeting at 8:15 pm

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting on _____.

Sirrene Barlow, City Recorder

Rosie White, Town Clerk