



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

(The power was out for Hildale and surrounding areas with no eta on when it would be back on. The meeting was held in Hildale City's conference room for better lighting from the windows. Only audio recording was provided)

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Attendees: Utility Administrative Staff

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Board Member Jesse Barlow

Staff Present: Utility Director, Jerry Postema; Nathan Fischer, Athena Cawley

Public Present: Allen Zitting, Jared Westhoft, Lawrence Barlow, Allen Feller, JVar Dutson

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Chairman Black offered prayer and led the pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Board Members

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Board Members

1. Utility Board minutes for April 23, 2023

The Board discussed the previous minutes from April 26th.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke, to approve the Utility Board minutes from April 26, 2023. Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr..

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

Motion carried.

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

Allen Zitting asked the Board to consider discussion on a proposed taxonomy of variance be applied to water impact fees according to the size of the residence specifically small housing units. Utility Director Postema suggested the Board take it forward to inform Council and Administrative Staff.

Jared Westhoft, representative for Allen Feller, who owns the majority of the new annexed land in Hildale, presented a general master plan map of the area. It was explained that a preliminary plan process for utilities, resources and infrastructure has been started. They are willing to assist with solutions to help the city with the new growth. In conclusion, he specified the importance of adopting reasonable applicable water impact

fees. Chairman Black welcomed the discussion. Utility Director Postema explained that the plans have already been submitted to the Planning Commission. It was requested to put this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

JVar Duston brought up the current water restrictions and the need for water in the community. He explained the urgency of being pro-active in moving forward in finding solutions with realistic expectations and goals for finding water. Chairman Black gave a history of the previous 5 to 10 year water master plan, which a study was completed for vertical drilling in Maxwell Canyon.

Financial Report: Board Members

2. Financial Report from April to June

Chairman Black talked about the end of the year review of the financials that was presented with the new budget last meeting. The FY24 final budget was approved by City Council last month.

3. Invoice Register Approval from April to current

The Board reviewed the register with no comment.

Reports: Utility Director Postema

4. Utilities Report for July

Utility Director Postema presented that Utility report for July and touched on the Gas, Water, and Sewer operations.

Unfinished Board Business: None

New Board Business: Status updates for current projects. (Utility Director Postema)

5. ARPA Water Project

Utility Director Postema explained that the project is moving forward.

6. Natural Gas Conversion Project

Nathan Fischer gave an update on the Natural Gas Conversion project happening on the Arizona side. The plan is to have all conversions done by the end of September. There is an option for setting propane tanks for customers if they don't convert.

7. Well 17

Utility Director Postema updated the Board on Well 17 drilling. The goal is to get water in the system by September to early October. Well 21 is not producing as much as before and in the future it will need to be pulled and assessed.

8. Headworks Project

Nathan Fischer informed the Board of the pre construction meeting next week for the headworks project. Aardvark was the low bid on both the Headworks Reconstruction and Headworks Building.

Board Comments: (10 minutes total)

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

Utility Director Postema reported that the 5 to 10 year water master plan has been updated and is ready for review next month. It was requested that the Utility monthly reports being submitted to both Councils include the Utility Board. The impact fee results are being worked and hopefully finished in a month for the Board to review.

Chairman Black questioned the impact fee discussion and the public hearing as one meeting. Roger Carter, Court Monitor, gave input. Utility Director Postema recapped the impact fee review. It was determined to schedule a meeting in September and that the Board would be contacted with a set date.

Executive Session: As needed

None

Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Chairman Black adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting _____.

Sirrene Barlow, City Recorder

Rosie White, Town Clerk