



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Advisory Board

Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction, and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call of Board Attendees: Utility Administrative Assistant

PRESENT

Chair Ezra Nielsen

Board Member James Broadbent

Board Member Theil Cooke

Board Member Sterling Jessop, Jr.

ABSENT

Board Member Jesse Barlow

Staff Present: Jerry Postema, Nathan Fischer, Athena Cawley, Sammie Cawley

Public Present: Brody Olson, Jvar Dutson

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Board Member Broadbent led the pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Board Members

No conflict of interest at this time.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Board Members

1. Utility Board Minutes of January 25, 2024.

The Board reviewed the previous minutes. Board Member Cooke requested a correction to show when Board Member Barlow stepped out of the meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke to approve the minutes of January 25, 2024, with the correction mentioned, Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

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

No comments.

Financial Report:

2. Approval of Utility Financial Report and Invoice Register

Director Postema presented, highlighting a transfer of 140,000 to cover electric bills for water would happen as a cleanup to the budget, the final payment approval for the headworks project, and the process of payment for engineering work for the two (2) new wells and waterline project that will be paid by TOCC and then reimbursed by the Mohave Arizona ARPA grant.

Chair Nielsen questioned the flow testing for Well 17 and details were given by Director Postema.

Motion made by Chair Nielsen, to approve Financial Report and Invoice Register. Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

Reports:

3. Utility Monthly Report

Director Postema presented the gas, sewer, and water operations in place of Superintendent Fischer. (Superintendent Fischer arrived at 6:15 pm)

4. Utility Director Report and Updates

Director Postema presented on administration. Staff is looking at doing more water re-testing as a follow-up to the class action litigation settlement funding from the United States vs Dupont Chemical. The 600,000 (6K) gallon tank and 800,00 (8K) gallon tank will not be painted until the Fall. The radio read meter system is being worked on for a quote to upgrade the current meter system. Three (3) new technicians have been hired in addition to the Utility Team. Staff has started discussions with Centennial Park Sewer District and Apple Valley on Sewer opportunities.

Unfinished Board Business:

5. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation on the Hildale/Colorado City Utility 5-10 Year CIP Budget.

Director Postema presented and explained some updates that must be completed before the recommendation for approval.

Motion made by Chair Nielsen, to table the Hildale/Colorado City Utility 5-10 Year CIP Budget to next Utility Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Board Member Cooke.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

6. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation on the Sewer Ordinance updates.

Director Postema presented the Sewer Ordinance updates by explaining how some of the changes talked about at the last meeting would need to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee and gave details on the other changes. He apologized for not getting the updated version in the packet. The Board discussed how they would like to review the Sewer Ordinance further when it could be presented more clearly.

Motion made by Chair Nielsen, to table Sewer Ordinance updates to the next Utility Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Board Member Broadbent.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

New Board Business:

7. Consideration, discussion, and possible recommendation to the City and Town Councils to approve the Olson Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Director Postema presented the Olson Subdivision Preliminary Plat. Staff suggested a recommendation to approve the preliminary plat with three (3) additional conditions: that the developer runs a hydraulic model, brings the water with impact fee development or a development water agreement.

Brody Olson, the applicant, explained that this is a nine (9) unit subdivision that consists of eight (8) single-family homes and one (1) duplex unit for up to ten (10) residences. He had questions about the additional conditions for the developer, which Director Postema clarified.

Motion made by Chair Nielsen, to recommend to the Town and City Councils approval of the Olson Subdivision Preliminary with the three (3) conditions: The developer runs the hydraulic model and presents to the city, provides water either through development impact fees or development water agreement. Seconded by Board Member Cooke.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

8. Consideration and discussion to revisit the PFAS class action litigation settlement funding from United States vs Dupont Chemical.

Director Postema presented the water results came back positive with very little PFAS in the water and recommended revisiting the PFAS class action litigation settlement funding from United States vs Dupont Chemical to begin re-testing and record recording.

Motion made by Board Member Broadbent, to continue with the class action lawsuit. Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

9. Consideration and discussion concerning presentation of the Hildale-Colorado City Utilities Water Rate Study.

Director Postema presented options to have Matthew Kennedy with Environmental Community Services (RCAC) present the Water Rate Study to the Board for a special Work Session meeting. The Board

discussed the suggested dates for the virtual presentation and concluded to schedule the Work Session meeting for March 7th, 2024 at 6 pm.

Jvar Dutson, Hildale City Councilman, commented on the timetable for the water impact fee schedule. Director Postema explained that the Utility Advisory Board has already approved the water impact fee, and the impact fee ordinance should be approved in April.

Motion made by Chair Nielsen, to schedule a Work Session meeting for Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6 pm. Seconded by Board Member Broadbent.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

10. Consideration and discussion to review the FY24 Utilities budget.

Director Postema presented the previous Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24) budget as a review in preparation for the new proposed budget. Staff will be working on the new Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) tentative budget, which will need to be ready in April to recommend to the two City Councils for adoption by May 2024.

The Board discussed the different options for reviewing the new proposed budget and the timeframe staff will need to prepare the budget. It was determined that staff work on the expenditure side of the budget to present at the regular meeting in March.

Motion made by Board Member Cooke, to have staff put together a worksheet of expenditures for the FY25 budget to review at the next meeting. Seconded by Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Voting Yea: Chair Nielsen, Board Member Broadbent, Board Member Cooke, Board Member Jessop, Jr.

Motion carried.

Board Comments: (10 minutes total)

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

11. March 2024 Utility Calendar

Chair Nielsen asked about the fiber and TKS agreement. Director Postema gave some background and Superintendent Fischer explained the operation side of the fiber. It was explained that management handles agreements.

Chair Nielsen went over the calendar. There will be a Work Session meeting on Thursday, March 7th, at 6 pm and a regular Board meeting on Thursday, March 28th, at 6 pm.

Executive Session: As needed

None

Infrastructure Improvements Advisory Committee Session: As Needed

None

Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting _____.

Sirrene J. Barlow, City Recorder

Shirley Zitting, Town Clerk

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