

# Utility Departments of Hildale/Colorado City

Utility Board Meeting Minutes  
320 East Newel Ave, Hildale Utah  
February 25, 2021 6:00 pm

## **Present: Utility Board**

Board Members:	Present	Absent	Excused
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black			X
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

**Staff Present: Weston Barlow, Nathan Fischer, Miranda Jeffs, Mariah La Corti**

**Court Monitor: Roger Carter (via Facebook)**

**Public Present: None**

### **#1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm. Roll was taken, quorum present.

### **#2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance**

Ralph Johnson offered a prayer, the crowd joined in the pledge of allegiance.

### **#3. Public Comment**

Chairman Black addressed the Board regarding the challenges that the Community and Department are currently facing. He expressed his feelings to the Utility Board Members about making sure that the local Governments are made aware of any concerns that they may have. Nathan Burnham and JVar Dutson spoke on behalf of their respective Councils, indicating that the City Councils are understanding the current concerns and are in support of finding a solution.

No public present.

### **#4. Approval of Minutes**

No discussion. No corrections noted.

**Nathan Burnham moved to approve January 28, 2021 meeting minutes.**

**JVar Duston seconded. Roll call vote:**

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		

Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

### #5. Financial Report

**JVar Dutson moved to pay the bills as fund are made available.**

**Haven Barlow seconded. Roll call vote:**

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

### #6. Director Report

Weston presented. Stacy inquired about the use of the sewer ponds for new development. Weston informed the Board that there have not been any formal requests. The Utility staff will be attending the Rural Water Conference in St. George the first week of March; this will be beneficial for education and certification. JVar inquired about radium samples; Weston informed the Board that this is no longer a quarterly requirement, so there is no update.

The contract for drilling new wells 4 and 22 has been awarded to Cluff Drilling & Pump. Work is expected to begin immediately upon receipt of bond and insurance information and issuance of a notice to proceed. They will have 60 days to complete their contract.

Weston informed the Board about two main line breaks by a contractor that caused significant water loss from the water system. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the costs of repairing these lines. The contractor will be sent an invoice to recover the costs of staff time and water loss, however, there was discussion on the possibility of in-kind service trade to recoup some of the costs.

The Board discussed the Interim Project Manager for Utilities and were informed that he will be visiting the first week of March and intends to move forward on the projects full force.

Weston explained that all the contract propane has been consumed and will now be on the day market pricing. Our natural gas pricing for the month of February will not be affected by the rising prices throughout the Midwest.

Board Members asked for an updated timeline on the Colorado City gas conversion project. Weston let the Board know that we are looking for approval from FERC before the project can go forward.

JVar asked for an update on fiber and the funds pertaining to it. The Board discussed that with COVID, it has been a challenge getting resources for this project.

**#7. Consideration and Possible Action on Large Purchases**

Weston presented the large items to be purchased and the quotes for each item. The Board inquired about the costs of meters and what they were for. Weston informed them that they are replacement meters.

**-Gate Meter Station**

**-Water Meters**

**JVar Duston moved to approve the purchase on Large Purchase Items.**

**Nathan Burnham seconded. Roll call vote:**

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

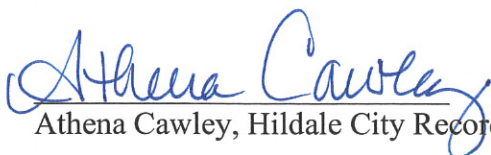
Motion carried.

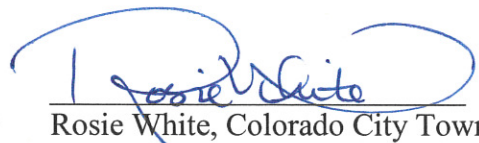
**#8. Adjournment**

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes were approved at the meeting on March 25, 2021.



  
Athena Cawley, Hildale City Recorder

  
Rosie White, Colorado City Town Clerk

**Summary of Board Actions:**

**Approval of January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Approval to Pay the Bills**

**Approval of Large Purchase Items**