

Utility Departments of Hildale/Colorado City

Utility Board Meeting Minutes
320 East Newel Ave, Hildale Utah
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 6:00 P.M.

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(by phone) | | |
| JVar Dutson | X | | |
| Stacy Seay | X | | |
| Michael Cawley | X | | |

Michael Cawley arrived at 6:10 pm.

Staff Present: Vincen Barlow, Harrison Johnson, Weston Barlow, Nathan Fischer, Mariah La Corti, Mayor Joseph Allred

Public Present: None

#1 Call to Order

Ralph Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Roll was taken, quorum present.

#2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

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

#3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

No corrections noted.

JVar Dutson moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting.

Haven Barlow seconded. Roll call vote:

| Board Members: | Yes | No | Abstain |
|----------------------|-----|----|---------|
| Haven Barlow | X | | |
| Sterling Jessop, Jr. | X | | |
| Ralph Johnson | X | | |
| Jason Black | X | | |
| Nathan Burnham | X | | |
| JVar Dutson | X | | |
| Stacy Seay | X | | |

Motion carried.

#4. Public Comment

Harrison Johnson introduced the new Gas Superintendent, Nathan Fischer. He was welcomed by the Board. JVar asked Harrison to thank Nap for his years of service.

#5. Consideration of Utility Waiver Requests

Two accounts, 3053003 and 3201014, submitted wastewater waiver requests.

For 85 West Warren Avenue, the customer stated that there was a water leak, but it was not verified, and the metered usage was only marginally higher, similar usage has been seen in previous bills. For these reason, staff recommended denial of the waiver.

For 85 East Garden Avenue, staff recommends approval of the request, as there was a verified water leak that caused a significant increase in usage, greater than 50%.

Jason Black moved to approve the staff recommendation on the waiver requests.

JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#6. Manager Report

Harrison discussed number of accounts billed in March, staffing in the Gas Department, Statement of Qualifications for Feasibility Study, implementation of an automated phone system, and Township Water Treatment Plant.

#7. Financial Report

Vincen Barlow presented. Revenues with comparison to budget and invoice register were provided for review. Revenues are greater than expenditures. He pointed out a few adjustments needed.

#8. Consideration of Approval to Pay Bills

JVar Dutson moved to pay the bills as they become due and the funds become available.

Jason Black seconded. Roll call vote:

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

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| Jason Black | X | | |
| Nathan Burnham | X | | |
| JVar Dutson | X | | |
| Stacy Seay | X | | |
| Michael Cawley | X | | |

Motion carried.

#9. Consideration and Possible Action on Large Purchases

This is a standard request for purchase of water meters to replace ones that have aged beyond their lifespan. There is plenty in the budget to cover this expense.

JVar Dutson moved to approve the purchase of 100 water meters for \$24,932.16.

Michael Cawley seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#10. Twin City Water Works Tax Debt Settlement

After discussion with the Arizona Department of Revenue, Harrison and Christian were able to negotiate a \$130,000 savings for the city, reduced from \$280,000. The city councils will have to make this agreement, but the Board is being asked to make a recommendation to them. The \$150,000 tax settlement payment will come from the water fund as a capital expenditure.

Haven Barlow moved to approve the tax settlement of \$150,000 with the State of Arizona and recommend the approval to both the Hildale and Colorado City Councils.

Michael Cawley seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#11. Director Vehicle Stipend

Harrison Johnson presented. Large Department vehicles that are currently available do not get good gas mileage and have high maintenance costs. He is proposing a stipend for use of his own vehicle. Ralph asked about the liability of Harrison using his own vehicle, Vincen confirmed that if he is working, he would be covered under the city’s insurance.

JVar Dutson moved to approve the Director Vehicle Stipend of \$250.00 per month. Stacy Seay seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#12. Review of 2020 Budget

Harrison Johnson presented. He is anticipating an operating budget shortfall for 2020 because of loss of revenue due to UEP evictions. He walked the Board through each line item.

#13. Consideration and Possible Action on Equipment Cost Change

Harrison Johnson presented. Current rates for customer costs are not reflective of actual department costs for the vac truck. He has done some calculations to account for the true cost of operations and is asking the Board to approve an increase to reflect such. Board members briefly discussed.

JVar Dutson moved to increase the vacuum truck rate from \$140.00 per hour to \$295.00 per hour.

Haven Barlow seconded. Roll call vote:

| Board Members: | Yes | No | Abstain |
|----------------------|-----|----|---------|
| Haven Barlow | X | | |
| Sterling Jessop, Jr. | X | | |
| Ralph Johnson | X | | |
| Jason Black | X | | |
| Nathan Burnham | X | | |
| JVar Dutson | X | | |
| Michael Cawley | X | | |

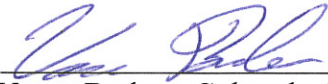
Motion carried.

With no other business, meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be May 30, 2019.

Minutes were approved at the meeting on June 6, 2019.



Vincen Barlow, Hildale City Recorder



Vance Barlow, Colorado City Town Clerk

Summary of Board Actions: