

Utility Departments of Hildale/Colorado City

Utility Board Meeting Minutes
320 East Newel Ave, Hildale Utah
Wednesday, May 12, 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 (via zoom)		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Staff Present: Eric Duthie, Weston Barlow, Nathan Fischer, Jerry Postema, Mariah LaCorti, Miranda Jeffs

Court Monitor: Roger Carter

Public Present: Tom Holm, Marv Wilson (via zoom), Blaine Worrel (via zoom)

#1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken, quorum present.

#2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Arvin Black offered a prayer, the crowd joined in the pledge of allegiance.

#3. Public Comment

Tom Holm gave a comment about citizens in Hildale and Colorado City seeing brown water in the water system. He requested that the focus be on fixing this situation.

#4. Board Member Comment

Board Member Dutson talked about the different offers to let the City use the irrigation system to water grass and the culinary water system to possibly supply the Schools.

The Board Members expressed gratitude for bringing the brown water situation to the attention of the Board and staff. Board Member Black commented about this issue being put on the agenda for a future meeting so it can be resolved. Weston explained possible reasons for the water being brown. Nathan talked about the lack of implementing an active flushing program because of the water shortage. He suggested doing it at least once or twice a year if possible. There was a discussion on wells, the water treatment plant and water rates.

#5. Discussion of Utility Department Issues and Strategies

City Manager Duthie presented a project issue review list with topics to focus on and to determine relevance to strategic goals and operational priorities.

Marv Wilson provided information about an environmental and feasibility report for the radium treatment plant in relation to the Water Master Plan. Blaine Worrel went through a list that addressed the capacity of the plant and a study to see if more treatments needed to be factored into the treatment plant system.

There was a discussion on the water quality and capacity of the wells around the City and what size of pumps would be needed to retrieve water from the deeper wells.

Project Manager Postema talked about meter grant opportunities. The United States Bureau of Reclamation is supplying grants for changing out old meters and moving to new technology. They pay up to \$75,000 for the costs of the meters, for staff's time doing the installation and the materials used which will match the grant moneys they provide. They want to make sure that all meters and systems, which are radio read, are newly registered and the latest technologies are being used. Staff is working on the grant for meters, and it will be ready in the fall.

Weston talked about the process of replacing parts and repairing the water treatment plant for more consistent flow. He has gotten the quotes for those repairs and has been working with Sunrise Engineering and other water engineers on this process. There was discussion on the profit and loss on water maintenance costs and rates. There will a budget amendment for this in a future meeting.

The Board asked for financial figures on the City's finance situation. City Manager Duthie said it would be difficult to get accurate numbers at that present time. In a future meeting, there will be provided accurate information on finances. He talked about rate increases in a progressive nature and the position they play in the financial stability of a City.

The Board inquired about grants for treatments that are needed for water. Project Manager Postema explained the percentages of grants vs. loans, the rates, and the time that it would take for paying those off from grants/loans that the USDA can offer. He talked about the amounts of money that can be spent on specific projects.

There was a discussion on the legality of digging new wells and how multiple wells determine the water tables for cities. The Board discussed how much water per minute that can be pumped from wells, the diameter of pipe needed to pull water up and what the costs would be to do so. Weston informed the Board that the casing for the Deep Well is 12" in diameter. He talked about the Canaan Mountain Water Project doing a pilot well project as an exploratory to see what is available for water at that site. It was highlighted on the Bowen Collins study as a possible site for water.

Project Manager Postema gave an update about attending a meeting with the Washington County Water Conservancy and BLM on May 13, 2021 to find out what the BLM needs from Washington County to secure Right-of-Ways and to get access to their properties.

The Board discussed the issue with repairing or replacing manholes and covers. They considered the repairing/replacing of the manhole to be a high priority on the list as it is a critical issue with the manhole walls being near to collapsing from wearing through the concrete. The costs and funding were talked about. Nathan Fischer proposed a plan with details to replace the manholes.

There was a discussion on what to prioritize from the list that City Manager Duthie presented. The Board Members identified priorities from the project issue review list to focus on.

#6. Discussion and Possible Action on Large Purchase Items

Weston presented and talked about the items for the gas department.

A. Excess Flow Valves

JVar Dutson moved to approve the purchase of the gas products.

Michael Cawley seconded. Roll call vote:

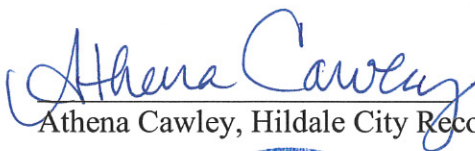
Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

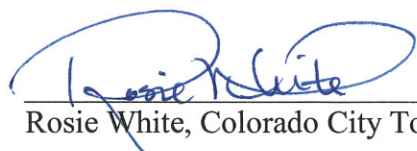
Motion carried.

#7. Adjournment

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes were approved at the meeting on June 24, 2021.


Athena Cawley, Hildale City Recorder


Rosie White, Colorado City Town Clerk



**Summary of Board Actions:
Approval of Large Purchase Items**