

Utility Departments of Hildale/Colorado City

Utility Board Meeting Minutes
320 East Newel Ave, Hildale Utah
Thursday, October 29, 2020, 6:00 pm

Present: Utility Board

Board Members:	Present	Absent	Excused
Haven Barlow	(by phone)		
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: Harrison Johnson, Mariah LaCorti, Weston Barlow (by phone)

Court Monitor: Roger Carter

Public Present: Vance Barlow (This list may be incomplete)

#1. Call to Order

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

#2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Cawley offered a prayer, the crowd joined in the pledge of allegiance.

#3. Public Comment

No public comment.

#4. Approval of Minutes

JVar Dutson moved to approve September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Nathan Burnham 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.

#5. Financial Report

Harrison presented. He addressed the CARES Fiber funding and gave information about contractors and the shortage of fiber supplies, which has made it difficult to find supplies. He gave an update on hiring contractors for fiber installation and the progress that has been made with the project. He gave an update about the auditors that were scheduled to come in, along with the requirements that should be followed pertaining to the budget, funding, and debt.

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

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.

#6. Director Report

Harrison presented. He talked briefly of the previous City Manager’s transition into his new job in the neighboring town of Apple Valley and the current staff settling into their new positions. Harrison and Mariah gave information on the bad debt expense, write offs and collections. The Board and staff discussed ways to resolve these issues.

#7. Water Operations Update

Harrison presented on well #19 and on well #22. He gave details on what went into the process of assessing the condition of the wells and presented the pros and cons of what would go into maintaining, replacing, or digging them. He explained the breakdown of the costs for doing projects like these.

#8. Consideration and Possible Action on Water Department Well Purchase

Harrison presented. There was a discussion on digging new wells and on water rights in relation to possible future developments. He gave insights on the infrastructure and the costs of wells, and what it would take to go forward with these projects effectively. He answered questions and comments from the Board.

Jason Black moved to go forward with replacing Well 22.

Nathan Burnham 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.

#9. Discussion on Maxwell Park Policies

Harrison brought before the Board concerns with the Maxwell Park policies. The Board discussed issues with people from out of the area getting the drinking water from Maxwell Park and discussed solutions for charging for nonlocal people filling containers and commercial tanks.

#10. Adjournment

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes were approved at the meeting on December 15, 2020.


Athena Cawley, Hildale City Recorder


Rosie White, Colorado City Town Clerk



Summary of Board Actions:

- Approval of September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Approval to Pay the Bills
- Approval of Replacing Well 22