

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MAY 12, 2022
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair Lorna Larsen, Leonard McCosh, Dale Nicholls, Chad Parry, Council Liaison Alma Lund (6:02 p.m.)

Board Members Excused: Kelly Larsen

Staff Present: Public Works Director Jeff Jensen, Finance Director Jon Knudsen, Secretary Esmeralda Salas, Power Superintendent Cory Daniels (6:02 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, May 12, 2022, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Lorna Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2022 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member McCosh moved to approve the March 10, 2022 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. Additional water credit request

Mr. Dowding was unable to attend the meeting. He will be scheduled to attend the next Utilities Board meeting.

C. Electric rate increase discussion

Power Director Cory Daniels shared a power point presentation with the board containing information he obtained while attending a Cost-of-Service rate workshop in St. George, Utah. Chair Lorna Larsen inquired when the most recent electric rate increase occurred. The power director informed the board it was in the year 2012. The board members and power director discussed the current rates for power as well as the need to increase those rates. The board reviewed a spread sheet that was put together by the city treasurer, Candice Maudsley, and utility billing clerk, Esmeralda Salas, showing the dollar amounts that would be billed with different rate

amount increases. The rate amount increases used in the spread sheet were suggested by the power director, Cory Daniels.

Board Member McCosh moved to recommend to council that the electric rates be increased and to have a cost-of-service rate study be done for all utility services. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Lorna Larsen

Shared handouts containing information she gathered for the board members at a UAMPS conference she attended in December 2021. The information pertains to all UAMPS projects as well as projects that Ephraim City takes part in.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

The generators at City Hall and Fire Station have been installed.

Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director

There was a sanitary survey don by the State of Utah. The spring closures, water tanks, well houses and chlorinators are inspected during this survey. The Public Works department will be cleaning spring closures, repair screens and replace lids and gaskets on spring box lids and all other repairs needed.

They will be installing a pressure station at Shingle Mill Subdivision to create another loop for water.

There are less than 90 water meters left to change. It has been difficult to obtain parts needed to complete the changes.

They will start upgrading the backflow devices on all city owned property.

Gate valves will be installed by JBA park.

The cement tank on Mill Hill needs maintenance.

Crack seal, overlays, chip seal will be done on different roads throughout the city.

Due to an update to the Lead and Copper Rule, the city must have an inventory list of all service lines in town. This list should include the type of material that each line is made from. It is due by October 2024. The means of verification are not clear. There is a

possibility of having to dig up resident's yards. Jeff believes about 90% of city lines are either plastic or copper. This will be a major project and will require cooperation between the city and residents.

Carl will be retiring in January 2023. The department will hire inhouse for his position and open a job for entry position.

Twin D just finished up cleaning sewer lines for the year.

The yard waste pickups ended on May 6. The dumpster for spring cleaning will remain out for another two to three weeks.

A 12-inch meter that was under the water tank was replaced to an Octave meter to obtain more accurate data.

The ditches and culverts along 200 West were cleaned out. They will be cleaned out yearly.

A sewer line behind Roy's Pizza had to be fixed because there was a separated joint. Val Cotter could not get their equipment to that line to clean it and install liners.

Val Cotter damaged a sewer lateral at 170 N main. The Public Works department had to call in an emergency Blue Stake and get it fixed.

Jeff would like to research other options to clean and line the sewer lines.

Preston and TJ obtained their wastewater certifications.

The seal for the new well has been drilled out. The seal is planned to be installed tomorrow May 13, 2022. With the right pump it is expected we will be getting about 1700 gallons per minute.

The Public Works department has received funding from various grants. They received a \$1.2 million grant from ARPA for converting the new well to culinary.

A \$2 million grant was received from the Chore of Engineers.

A \$5.9 million grant was received from the Chore of Engineers to replace canyon water lines and start well number four.

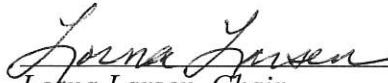
A \$3 million grant to complete remaining canyon lines and other city lines.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member McCosh moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 7:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on June 9, 2022, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:


Lorna Larsen, Chair

8-11-2022
Date

ATTEST:


Esmeralda Salas, Secretary

8/11/22
Date