

**STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF SEVIER
TOWN OF ANNABELLA**

**TOWN COUNCIL WORK MEETING
March 10, 2025**

Minutes from the Annabella Town Council Work Meeting held Monday, March 10, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, located at 295 East 300 North, Annabella, Utah. Mayor Brent Christensen conducting.

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1. ROLL CALL | 3. ADJOURN |
| 2. REVIEW AND DISCUSS
PROPOSED IRRIGATION WATER
RATES | |

Public in attendance:

*John Chartier
Parker Vercimak*

1. ROLL CALL. Roll call was taken by Mayor Christensen. In attendance were Councilmembers Jill Anderson, Kelvin Johns, Stephanie Morgan and Chris Nielson. Tina Mitchell, Clerk, and Eric Nielsen, Maintenance Supervisor, were also in attendance.

2. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION WATER RATES. John Chartier provided an update on House Bill 274. Chartier noted uncertainty about whether the bill had officially passed, as the legislative session had just closed.

The Council discussed three rate structure options: Plan A, Plan A.1, and Plan A.2. John Chartier presented detailed analysis of each plan:

- Plan A: Generated about \$84,000 in revenue, with 74% from base rates and 26% from overages.
- Plan A.1: Generated \$80,000 in revenue, with 87% from base rates and 13% from overages.
- Plan A.2: Generated \$84,000 in revenue but was more complicated due to different lot size tiers.

The Council members expressed their preferences, favoring Plan A.1.

The Council discussed options for future rate increases. Tina Mitchell, Clerk, recommended a 2% annual increase, similar to the culinary water system. Councilmember Nielson suggested reevaluating rates every three years. Councilmember Johns pointed out that the Council's practice of revisiting and

adjusting rates every three years might not be consistently upheld due to changes in Council membership.

Councilmember Nielson inquired about the possibility of implementing a portal to ensure compliance with State regulations. Parker Vercimak explained that while the necessary technology for a portal is not yet available, the Town is meeting the requirements by including meter readings and usage details on each bill. Vercimak further mentioned that a statement outlining the basis for the rate increase—exceeding 10%—will be prepared. Councilmember Nielson requested the opportunity to review the statement prior to its distribution, emphasizing his preference to ensure alignment with his views before his name is associated with it.

Eric Nielsen discussed the importance of generating sufficient revenue for system maintenance and future improvements. Vercimak noted the difficulty in obtaining grants for secondary water systems and the need to account for depreciation and inflation in the budget.

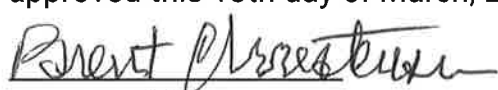
The Council informally agreed to proceed with Plan A.1 for the rate structure. However, there was a split in opinion on whether to implement the plan immediately or postpone it for a year.

- Councilmembers Morgan and Councilmember Nielson favored delaying implementation for a year, allowing residents to see "what if" bills.
- Councilmembers Johns and Councilmember Anderson supported immediate implementation due to the need for increased revenue for system maintenance and improvements.

Mayor Christensen expressed his preference to adopt the plan without delay, emphasizing the importance of addressing the issue rather than deferring it. The final vote, along with the decision on the implementation timeline, was scheduled for Thursday's meeting.

3. ADJOURN. At 7:24 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Monday, March 10, 2025, were approved this 13th day of March, 2025.



Brent Christensen, Mayor



Tina Mitchell, Town Clerk