

payments consolidated. The gas fund reflects reduced revenues due to a mild winter, offset by lower gas costs and propane purchasing savings.

Motion made by Board Member Holm, to recommend to the two City Councils to approve the Draft Utility FY27 budget. Seconded by Board Member Barlow, Jr..

Voting Yea: Chair Cooke, Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Barlow, Jr., Board Member Holm

Motion Carried

Board Comments: (10 minutes total)

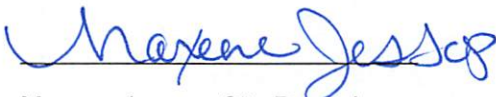
Board members comments of issues not previously discussed in the meeting.

The Board expressed appreciation for the work of staff.

Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Chair Cooke adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting 5.21.26.



Maxene Jessop, City Recorder



Shirley Zitting, Town Clerk



the gap to allow installation of individual generators at each well, noting that a shared unit is not practical due to distance. Natural gas generators were recommended for reliability and cleaner operation.

Motion made by Board Member Barlow, Jr., to recommend to the two City Councils to approve a not-to-exceed expenditure of \$200,000 from the water fund to complete the Wells 25 and 26 project, with the remaining funding to come from the CDBG grant. Seconded by Board Member Holm.

Voting Yea: Chair Cooke, Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Barlow, Jr., Board Member Holm

Motion Carried.

4. Consideration and discussion of the Draft Sewer Master Plan and Draft Proposed Sewer rates.

Director Postema presented a revised five-year phased sewer rate proposal from Sunrise Engineering, including an 8% increase in year one followed by 10% annual increases, with a tiered structure designed to reduce impacts on low-use and fixed-income customers. The Board found the presentation unclear and directed staff to return with a reformatted schedule showing annual base rates and tiered usage rates for further review.

Motion made by Board Member Holm, to table the Sewer User Rate recommendation until the rate breakdown is clarified. Seconded by Board Member Barlow, Jr..

Voting Yea: Chair Cooke, Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Barlow, Jr., Board Member Holm

Motion Carried

5. Consideration, discussion, and recommendation to the two City Councils to approve the Water Conservation Plan Draft Ordinance.

Chad Coffey of Jones and DeMille Engineering presented the updated Water Conservation Plan in compliance with the Utah Water Conservation Plan Act of 1990, using population data from multiple sources and noting current per-capita use of approximately 145 gallons per day with a goal of 141 gallons by 2030. The plan includes best management practices such as landscaping education, public outreach, and tracking of water loss and conservation efforts, and has been accepted by the state pending board adoption. Director Postema noted expected reductions in non-revenue water from backwash recovery.

Motion made by Board Member Holm, to recommend to the two City Councils to approve the Water Conservation Plan Draft Ordinance. Seconded by Board Member Barlow, Jr..

Voting Yea: Chair Cooke, Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr., Board Member Barlow, Jr., Board Member Holm

Motion Carried.

6. Consideration, discussion, and recommendation to the two City Councils to approve the Draft Utility FY27 budget.

Director Postema presented the draft FY27 budget, comparing FY25 actuals, FY26 budget and year-to-date, and FY27 projections. He noted removal of approximately \$75,000 annually in court oversight costs across enterprise funds and continued cost allocations in the Joint Administration Fund (approx. 40–42% Sewer, 33% Water, 22% Gas). Salary and benefit increases include expanded legal and administrative workload. Water fund revenues show modest growth from a rate adjustment and new supply capacity, with reserves funding two meter-reading vehicles. Sewer fund includes a \$540,000 carryover for A-line manhole work and conservative Centennial Park Sewer revenues, with bond



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Advisory Board - Special Meeting

Thursday, April 09, 2026 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

Chair Cooke called meeting to order at 6:07 pm

Roll Call of Board Attendees: Utility Management Assistant

PRESENT

Chair Theil Cooke

Board Member (Vice Chair) Sterling Jessop, Jr.

Board Member Dale Barlow, Jr.

Board Member Brigham Holm

Staff: Jerry Postema(Zoom), Nathan Fischer, Mitch Jessop, Athena Cawley, Miranda Jeffs

Public: Jerusha Darger, Art Jeffs, Chad Coffey (Jones & DeMille Engineering)

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Chair Cooke led the pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Board Members

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Public Comments: (3 minutes each - Discretion of Presiding Officer)

No public comments

New Board Business:

1. CIB Grant/Loan Meeting Update (Chair Cooke)

Chair Cooke reported on the April 2, 2026 Community Impact Board presentation, noting that the CIB indicated approval of approximately \$2.3 million in grant funding and a \$2.3 million one-percent loan, totaling the \$4.7 million request. The funding will support the Canyon well, new meters, SCADA upgrades, and rehabilitation of the Power Plant well, with disbursement anticipated in June pending final confirmation.

2. Pressure Booster Pump Station Project Update (Utility Director)

Director Postema reported that the booster pump station project is moving forward. Bid documents are complete and Jones and DeMille will release them as soon as the quit-claim deed from the property owner is finalized. Discussions with Garkane Power regarding a partnership for power service are ongoing. Completion is targeted for August 2026.

3. CDBG Update Well 25 & 26 discussion, possible consideration, and recommendation for work on the wells.(Utility Director)

Director Postema reported that Colorado City received the CDBG grant for outfitting Wells 25 and 26. Jones and DeMille identified an estimated \$200,000 funding shortfall, primarily for backup natural gas generators, permitting, and contingency costs. Staff recommended using water fund reserves to cover