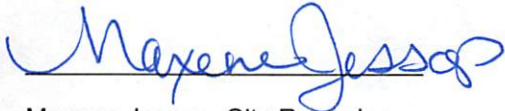


Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting 5.21.26.



Maxene Jessop, City Recorder



Shirley Zitting, Town Clerk



work and funded through impact fees or reserves. A new Centennial Park lift station (~\$2.4M) is recommended to support future development, and the existing force main will be evaluated. The lagoons are at capacity, with reuse options and a future study recommended to assess long-term solutions, including a potential mechanical plant. Total projected improvements are approximately \$5.5M today, increasing with inflation.

9. Sewer Rate Presentation: Blaine Worrell (Sunrise Engineering)

Blaine Worrell of Sunrise Engineering presented the sewer rate study, noting rates have not increased in seven years and that full cost recovery would require an average monthly bill of about \$92.85, compared to the current \$64 base rate. The Board directed staff to return with a five-year phased implementation option for review at a special work session on April 9, 2026.

10. Consideration and discussion of the FY27 Draft Utility Budget.

Director Postema presented the draft FY27 budget in summary form, noting that the Intergovernmental Agreement requires the Board to receive the draft budget in March. A detailed walkthrough will occur at the April 9 work session. Highlights included full-time wages estimated at approximately \$690,000, two water tanks requiring coating and cathodic protection funded from water reserves, a \$350,000 A-line manhole maintenance expense from sewer reserves, and a \$500,000 PHMSA safety grant project for gas system improvements including valves and bollards.

11. Consideration, discussion, and recommendation to the City Councils to approve the Water Conservation Plan.

Director Postema requested that the consideration of the draft Water Conservation Plan Ordinance be tabled to the April 9 work session so the consultant could be present to address questions from the Utility Board review.

Motion made by Board Member Holm, to table the Water Conservation Plan to a Special Meeting on April 9th. 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.

12. April 2026 Utility Calendar

A special meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, to receive the revised sewer rate tiers, the detailed FY27 budget walkthrough, the Water Conservation Plan Ordinance, and the response on the Redwood and Township sewer request. The regular meeting remains scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Executive Session: As needed

None

Infrastructure Improvements Advisory Committee Session: As Needed

None

Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Chair Cooke adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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

Public comment was given after item #11

Jerusha Darger addressed the Board regarding a request to include a sewer line down Redwood Street and across Township in the Sewer Master Plan to serve anticipated residential and commercial growth on the west side of the highway, as well as a potential Arizona Avenue highway crossing coordinated with ADOT's roundabout project. Director Postema committed to bringing the question back to Sunrise Engineering for analysis before the April 9 work session.

Financial Report:

5. Approval of Utility Financial Report and Invoice Register

Director Postema reported that a formal financial report was not available as the FY25 audit is being finalized, with FY26 reports expected to begin in April. He reviewed the invoice register, noting that major project expenditures for Maxwell Park, the Sewer Master Plan, and the Homestead Sewer project had been previously approved. Superintendent Nathan Fischer reported on the security gate project, stating that materials have been ordered and the project remains pending completion.

Motion made by Board Member Barlow, Jr., to approve the Invoice Register. Seconded by Board Member Holm.

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

Motion Carried.

Reports:

6. Utility Monthly Report

Superintendent Fischer presented the operations report, noting ongoing natural gas meter replacements, receipt of propane tanks for customer installs, lower gas sales due to a mild winter, cost benefits from prior gas contracting, and upcoming gas state audits. Sewer updates included completion of a 400-amp panel upgrade and concrete pads. Water line extensions continue for new lot splits using standard practices. Board Member Holm requested tracking of new service connections, and Director Postema confirmed ERU data will be included in future reports.

7. Utility Director Report and Updates

Director Postema reported that Arcadis completed PFAS sampling, with results expected in April to guide whether treatment or additional well drilling is pursued. The CDBG grant for Wells 25 and 26 has been executed, with bid documents being finalized and construction targeted for April and potential water availability later this Summer. The CIB grant meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2026, with a \$4.7 million request primarily for water infrastructure. The Homestead Sewer Project design is nearing completion, with remaining A-line manhole work to be bid as an add-alternate and funded largely through impact fees. He also noted that updated monthly cash flow reporting by enterprise funds has been developed, with the Board favoring a bar chart format.

Unfinished Board Business:

None

New Board Business:

8. Sewer Master Plan Update: Blaine Worrell (Sunrise Engineering)

Blaine Worrell of Sunrise Engineering presented the draft sewer master plan with growth-based projections and identified key future needs. The collection system is currently performing well, with a recommended Mohave Avenue crossing (~\$2M) within ten years, potentially coordinated with ADOT



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Advisory Board

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

Vice Chair Sterling Jessop, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:02 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: Blaine Worrell (Sunrise Engineering), Art Jeffs, Jerusha Darger, Jamison Barlow

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Board Member Barlow led the Board and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Board Members

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Organization of the Board: Presiding Officer

1. Appointment of Theil Cooke as Chair

It was noted that Theil Cooke had been appointed by the City Councils to serve as Chair. No motion was required. Chair Cooke presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. Appointment of Brigham Holm as Board Member

Brigham Holm was introduced as a new Board Member and was thanked for his willingness to serve.

3. Consideration, discussion, and approval of nominating a Vice-Chair of the Utility Advisory Board.

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice Chair. Board Member Barlow nominated Board Member Sterling Jessop, Jr. to continue serving as Vice Chair, and the nomination was unanimously supported. Board Member Sterling Jessop, Jr. accepted the appointment.

Voting Yea: Chair Cooke, Board Member Barlow, Jr., Board Member Holm

Voting Abstaining: Board Member (Vice Chair) Jessop, Jr.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Board Members

4. Utility Board Minutes of January 29, 2026.

Director Postema noted inconsistencies in the January minutes and recommended tabling their approval until the next meeting to allow for corrections. The Board agreed to table the item.