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LA VERKIN CITY WATER BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 3:00 p.m.

435 North Main Street, LaVerkin, UT

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** June 27, 2018 minutes
- III. **Reports:**
 - A. Financials
 - B. Water Contracts-Kyle Gubler
 - C. Culinary Water Management update-Derek Imlay
 - D. Irrigation Water Management update-Derek Imlay
- IV. **Business:**
 - 1. Discussion and possible action to move forward in reviewing Secondary Water rental accounts and delivery contracts.
- V. **Public Concerns for Board Consideration:** Identification of issues for consideration of future meetings.
- VI. **Board member concerns**
- VII. **Adjourn**

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LAVERKIN CITY WATER BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 3:00 p.m.

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Present: Alan Olsen, John Valenti, Richard Hirschi, Kelly Wilson, Richard Prince, Derek Imlay, Kyle Gubler, and Christy Ballard.

I. Call to Order by Mayor Richard Hirschi at 3:00pm.

II. Approval of Minutes: January 24, 2018 minutes.

Motion was made by Kyle Gubler to approve the January 24, 2018 minutes as written, second by John Valenti. Gubler-yes, Olsen-yes, Valenti-yes, Imlay-yes, Hirschi-yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Prince arrived at 3:02pm

III. Reports:

A. Financials:

Kyle reported it is now yearend and both the water fund and sewer fund are in good shape.

There have been some issues with large water breaks.

The City Council will be discussing the possibility of increasing the water rates. Several things go into that decision. One, the water rates have not increased in approximately 18 years and the City is not able to receive grant money because we don't meet the criteria set by the State with our current rates. Also, if we need to borrow money for a project, the interest rate would be higher because of that. Two, the City has not been setting money aside for repair and replacement on our aging system. The engineers have stated a water system lifespan is about 50 years.

Third, the General Fund has had to subsidize the Water Fund which it should not be doing as much as it has been.

These are the main items that will be discussed in the public hearing and have been discussed by the Council.

This item has been discussed with the Water Board previously and the Board recommended approval of a rate increase, it had been awhile so he wanted to update the Board that the engineer has presented to the City Council and they will be discussing it in the near future.

The engineer is recommending a \$14-dollar base increase with a 2% annual increase.

Kyle, Derek and Kelly discussed some of the water system projects that need to happen with the proposed rate increase.

Kyle pointed out water studies are done every 5 years and can have new recommendations. This is the recommendation from the most recent water study.

The auditor has also been suggesting a rate increase for several years.

Derek reported in FY 2017-2018 the road fund supplemented the water fund about \$25,000 and another \$10,000 from the General Fund. The maintenance fund has spent approximately \$55,000 on water breaks.

B. Water Contracts:

Kyle passed out the list of people wanting to sell their water shares and people that are delinquent on their water share bill.

Kyle went over the process of dealing with delinquent water shares. Most of the people on the list will pay before the shares are taken back by La Verkin.

The La Verkin water shares are only allowed to be used in La Verkin City.

La Verkin City has paperwork that needs to be filled out to sell water shares and those accounts need to be made current.

Alan asked what the Water Board recommended to the City Council for a water rate increase.

Kyle explained the Board recommended the Council increase the water rates per Sunrise Engineering's request once the water study had been completed.

The engineer gave the presentation during the last City Council meeting. The City Council will hold a work meeting and then schedule a public hearing before the decision is made.

Mayor Hirschi asked the Water Board members to attend the public hearing.

Kelly explained the process of the last water rate increase.

Kyle mentioned the public hearing will be an educational presentation. The biggest assets in the City are the roads and water system. If we are not preparing ourselves to take care of those items there will be issues.

C. Water Metering of Secondary Water-Kyle Gubler

Kyle explained this item has been discussed in past Water Board meetings.

From everything he has been told, the State is going to make La Verkin City install meters on the irrigation systems. That will cost the City about one million dollars.

John was curious how the State would even begin that process.

Kyle stated there was a meter developed for "dirty water".
The line sizes will vary.

Derek passed around the residential meter that was developed for metering secondary water.

Kelly said he has heard the meter is not a good quality. He also feels that because the water is already metered when it comes into the City, it should not be metered again.

Richard Prince asked about the status of the Toquerville lake. Is La Verkin talking about switching where they get irrigation water?

Kyle reported there has been some dialog about that but he feels the City should not do anything that could jeopardize its water right.

Richard Prince brought up the issue of certain people watering all day, every day.

D. Culinary Water Management update-Derek Imlay

Derek reported the majority of La Verkin's culinary water rights are out of Ash Creek Springs with some out of Toquerville Springs. When it is hot, the Conservancy District restricts the water intake out of Toquerville Springs down to 500 gallons per minute. That means the City relies on Ash Creek Springs which increases the pumping costs and maintenance costs for the City.

We are currently at the maximum usage from Cottam Well with the water purchased. Any amount used over the allotted amount is paid for at a higher rate. Derek will monitor that meter closer. The current rate is \$1.65 per thousand gallons. The Conservancy District is trying to get that amount to \$3.00 per thousand gallons.

There are still a lot of people that use culinary water for their yard.

The other concern is the continual water breaks. He reported on some of those larger culinary water breaks.

E. Irrigation Water Management update-Derek Imlay

Derek passed out an Irrigation Water Usage Sheet from 2010 to present. It lists the months, the amount of water used and the filter cycles. May of this year was the 4th highest usage we have had and based on the numbers for June so far, it will probably be the highest usage month in the last 9 years.

We are allowed 8 cubic feet of water and have been averaging 3-4 cubic feet but recently it has been 6 cubic feet of water. He has checked the system and can't find anything that would cause the increase. It may be higher demand. The hotter it gets the higher the demand and the lower the pressure.

The filters should be cycling 180 times per month. In dryer years the filters cycle more often. In 2016 we had a dry year and the filters cycled 1,000-3,000 times a month and we had issues with the motors so we bought 3 new commercial grade motors this year.

So far, we have not had an issue with the filters or the motors.

Kyle pointed out we push "conserve water" but if we don't use our water the State could decide to take it away from us. We need to be conservative but we also need to use it.

There was a discussion on ways to use the allotted amount of water.

Kyle mentioned there is a resident of Virgin that would like to lease secondary water from La Verkin. He and Derek are meeting with Sunrise Engineering to see if something like that is even legally possible. It would need to be a year to year contract, metered and La Verkin City would need to maintain complete control.

There was a discussion on the pros, cons and possibility of the City leasing water to a resident of a different community.

Derek will find out the cost of irrigation water when people purchase directly from the Washington County Water Conservancy District.

Richard Prince asked if the secondary water rates would be increased also.

Kyle reported the secondary water rates were increased recently. The increase will be for culinary water only.

There was a discussion on the quality of the secondary water system lines.

IV. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

No comments were made.

V. Board Member Concerns:

No comments were made.

VI. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Richard Hirschi to adjourn, second by Alan Olsen. Valenti-yes, Prince-yes, Olsen-yes, Imlay-yes, Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes. Motion carried at 3:55pm.

Minutes were taken by Christy Ballard.

Chairman