

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
DECEMBER 13, 2018
7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair Ted Olson, Leonard McCosh, Dale Nicholls

Board Members Excused: Don Thompson, Council Liaison Richard Wheeler

Staff Present: Public Works Director Chad Parry, Power Superintendent Cory Daniels,
Secretary Candice Maudsley

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utilities Board convened on Thursday, December 13, 2018, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Ted Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 13, 2018 Utilities Board Meeting. The approval of the minutes was not put on the agenda, so approval will have to postponed until the next meeting.

B. NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY SOLAR PROJECT DISCUSSION

The Navajo Tribal Utility has made a proposal for a solar farm. They are approaching others to determine interest in power purchasing agreements. It is hoped that the sale of this power would provide enough profit to build power infrastructure to their tribal members that currently have no power. There are three principle projects that are being considered. The Shiprock Project has an indicative price of \$29.79 per MWh. The Cudei Project has an indicative price of \$30.34 per MWh, and the Anthen Project has an indicative price of \$36.90 per MWh. The Anthen Project is a little higher as they will need to connect into Rocky Mountain Power and transmission work will need to be done. The prices are forecasted by Shaw. They are all subject to an environmental impact study. There is a proposed 25-year term and the first commission would be in 2022. The consideration of this project would be good for the diversity of power sources available to the City for future growth.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to commit to 500KW in the investigation phase of the project. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The motion carried.

C. IPA VIDEO

The Board watched a five-minute IPA informational video.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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County Tax Dispute – There has been a dispute submitted to the county concerning levelized taxes.

Solar Project- There is another solar project being considered, but it will be in the distant future.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

Power Outage – The outage happened after upgrades had been done. The underground switching had been finished and the double crossarms had been put up. One of the elbow junctions had not been done on 600 East causing the outage. The elbow was put on and the power was reconnected.

Powerline Upgrade – There will be a line upgrade done by the south parking lot at Snow College. The line will be upgraded from the Snow Activity Center to a new switch on 200 East. Snow College will be set up on an alternate feed while the upgrade is done.

Net Metering Agreement – The clarified wording in the Net Metering Agreement has been updated and will be the updated document given to new solar customers.

Powerhouse Substation – There were before and after pictures shown of the progress being made on the new substation.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Tunnel Project - The tunnel is complete apart from the culinary line. LaMar Barton has begun working on it. Some of the line is stretched out and fused together. He needs 41 more days to be complete. It is unknown who will be hanging the line when it is complete. The water should flow through the tunnel this coming Spring.

Impact Study – There was an impact study done in each department concerning impact and growth over the next 20 years. Future growth is anticipated to be large and future projects were discussed.

Well – There will be a new SCATA system put on the existing well and the Electric Department will be running fiber optics. The new well should be complete by March or April 2019. The new well will be located at approximately 400 West and 400 South. Orrin Hatch helped the City to get close to a two million dollar grant for the other infrastructure including the led joints on 400 East and old lines. It is possible that a new line could be put in from the tunnel to the big collection box through Left Hand Fork. A priority for repair will be replacing the trestle that goes across the creek after the tunnel. The money will be stretched to as many projects as possible.

Sewer Lines – With the drought the tree roots are looking for water and the clay sewer lines are affected by it. The roots have been treated with RootX to limit the damage.

Water Meter Transmitters- Quite a few water meter transmitters have failed, and it has been difficult to keep up on the repairs. They go out as fast as they can be replaced. The Public Works Department will attempt to prioritize changes based on the last known read. This will prevent meters from going months without being read.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member Leonard McCosh moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on January 2019, starting at 8:31 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date