

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MARCH 14, 2018
7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair Ted Olson, Leonard McCosh, Dale Nicholls, Council Liaison Richard Wheeler

Board Members Excused: Don Thompson

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

Others Appearing: Gary & Maurine Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utilities Board convened on Thursday, March 14, 2019 in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Ted Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 13, 2018 and January 10, 2019 Utilities Board Meetings.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to approve the December 13, 2018 and January 10, 2019 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The motion carried.

B. MAURINE RAMOS WATER LEAK CREDIT DISCUSSION

The Ramos' explained that they realized they had a water leak when they received their February utility bill. They had an excavation company dig up the pipe on February 15th and repair the line. The leak was caused by the pipe separating at a joint. The water leak by this time had spanned to a second billing cycle. There was a one month credit given by Chad Parry in February. The Ramos' ask for a water credit for the March bill. The possible credit is \$427.75 as the minimum water charge is deducted from the billing.

Board Member Dale Nicholls moved to approve a water credit of \$427.75 for the Maurine Ramos March bill. The motion was seconded by Board Member Leonard McCosh. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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UAMPS – The UAMPS budget was discussed. It is projected to have an increase of one percent in the cost of operation. They intend to hire a new employee.

NuScale Annual Report– The NuScale annual report was reviewed.

Senate Bill 6 – UAMPS sponsored Senate Bill 6 which passed unanimously out of committee and passed on the floor. The bill was meant to expand understanding of nuclear power and its use in the State of Utah. It also presented nuclear facilities as part of the solution to the State’s energy needs.

APPA Membership– UAMPS has always handled the cities membership in the American Public Power Association. The joint action agency has handled it for the City as it is less expensive.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

Mapping System – mPower out of Michigan is remapping the power system. All the meters will be geocoded to the mapping. It will provide a live view for city power system.

Solar KW Received – The total KWh received from the solar customers was discussed. The 1% of energy stated in the Net Metering Ordinance was discussed at a previous meeting. The report shows that the generation was well below the 1% cap and it does not look like the ordinance will need to be changed any time soon.

Power House Substation – The new substation was commissioned this week. There is some phasing that needs to be done and it will be complete. It is planned to tie every circuit into one substation for emergency circumstances. It was torn down and completed in one year.

Rocky Mountain Power – The quality of lines from RMP (Rocky Mountain Power) feeding Ephraim City were discussed.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Water Report - Chad Parry showed the Board graphs showing past water usage.

Drought Resiliency Project –This project will provide money to benefit the well and accompanying infrastructure. There will be several old lines replaced. The water will have the ability to be blended between the wells. There will be an arsenic meter installed so the levels can be read on-site rather than samples being sent off. The new well will require a means to chlorinate the water if the state ever requires it. Currently the ground water from the wells must be tested, but not chlorinated. In the next few years the irrigation wells will be required to have the water metered.

Grant – The City has received a 2-million-dollar grant. There will be many AC (asbestos concrete) lines, lead joint lines and valves replaced. The projects are expected to take place late fall 2019 or 2020. It is hoped to replace the line from New Canyon to Left Hand Fork below the tunnel. Projected cost for these projects is currently being calculated. The grant money will be stretched as far as possible.

Snow Pack – The snowpack this winter is quite significant and there are concerns with flooding if the snow melts too quickly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member McCosh moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 8:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicolls. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on April 11, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date