

Utility Departments of Hildale/Colorado City

Utility Board Meeting Minutes
320 East Newel Ave, Hildale Utah
March 26, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Present: Utility Board

Board Members:	Present	Absent	Excused
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black			X
Nathan Burnham	X(by phone)		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Staff Present: Harrison Johnson, Vincen Barlow, Weston Barlow, Mariah La Corti

Public Present: Richard Holm (this list may be incomplete)

#1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. Roll was taken, quorum present.

#2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Arvin offered the prayer, the crowd joined in the pledge of allegiance.

#3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

JVar Dutson moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019.

Michael Cawley seconded. Roll call vote:

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

#4. Public Comment

None

#5. Consideration of Utility Waiver Requests

None

#6. Manager Report

Harrison Johnson presented. We had a positive net increase in utility accounts for the third month in a row. The technicians recently completed most of the Redwood extension project. The Department is working with the UEP to discuss property line issues currently preventing servicing customers on those streets.

Dominion Energy has discussed a proposal to purchase the natural gas system from Hildale City, Harrison has asked for an official offer and will take this before the City Council for a decision. The impetus would be to get Colorado City natural gas. More information on the real value of the system is needed before anything is done, this is just an introduction to this idea. There was lengthy discussion on advantages and disadvantages of selling the pipeline. Mayor Allred explained that Colorado City is highly interested in having natural gas across the state line and is in full support of making it happen.

Harrison has been researching retirement systems. Preliminarily the state retirement programs will probably not be efficient for us. They are looking into private retirement providers.

The Department has observed significant discrepancies between customer billings and landfill services rendered. Harrison is in the process of working with Public Works getting all of our customer service policies put in place to align customer service policies to unify procedures among city employees. There is an agreement for Hildale City to provide the billing and collections for the landfill that needs to be reviewed along with the customer service policies.

A proposal was sent to Apple Valley outlining the idea that they develop distribution lines and receive commodity, delivery, payment processing, and system maintenance services from the Utility Department.

#Financial Report

Revenues and expenditures with comparison to budget and invoice register for the month ending February 2019 were provided for the Board to review.

JVar Dutson moved to pay the bills as they become due and the funds become available.

Ralph Johnson seconded. Roll call vote:

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

#9. Service Award Presentation for Weston Barlow

The Rural Water Association of Utah acknowledged Weston Barlow for completing training and certification in the field of Water and Wastewater Management. A plaque recognizing Westons accomplishments was provided. Harrison also recognized Westons diligence, knowledge and innovation, stating that he has been an invaluable source of guidance and leadership.

#10. Consideration and Possible Action on Large Purchases

Harrison presented. There is a discount for buying these items in bulk. Gas meters are fairly common purchases. The other request is for fiber conduit to get fiber to the sewer plant on Uzona Ave. as well as anything else it may be needed for.

JVar Dutson moved to approve the purchase of 100 gas meters and 4 rolls of 2” fiber conduit.

Michael Cawley seconded. Roll call vote:

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

#11. Discussion on Water Remediation

Harrison briefed the Board on the water contamination issue. An official Notice of Violation was received, as our water has double the acceptable amount of radium. An official plan to get into compliance must be in place and to the Division of Drinking Water by June 15, 2019 and we must be in compliance by January 1, 2020. Harrison pointed out that that date will be practically impossible to meet. A draft letter regarding the health implications was sent to the Division of Drinking Water for approval and the approved letter will be sent in the March billing.

Harrison pointed out that this is not a public health emergency and is not an immediate risk, the culinary water is still approved for drinking, cooking and sanitation. There was lengthy discussion on how to resolve this issue.

Harrison has spoken with cities and individuals that have had this issue. The steps we have identified to take are 1. Getting an Engineering firm to do a feasibility study and providing a number of options for remediation. He is estimating a \$35,000-36,000 cost for this. 2. Both the City Councils and the Division of Drinking Water will have to approve the option to go with. 3. We do RFP's to implement the plan. There is a lot of discussion to be had, the cities just need to be working together to make the best decision.

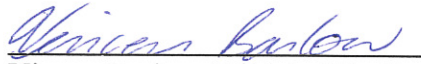
JVar presented on the idea of Maxwell Water Sales for commercial businesses. He would like to hear the feelings of the Utility Board Members. Improvements need to be made to the system, he thinks that the commercial companies should help in paying for them. Board members were all in agreement that everything commercial should be charged.

Vincen explained that Hildale City is paying the costs for the water at Maxwell Park, this Board would be deciding if an alternative system can be formed for the commercial use. This topic is not ready for deep discussion, but board members need to be thinking about it.

#12. Adjournment

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes were approved at the meeting on May 7, 2019.



Vincen Barlow, Hildale City Recorder



Vance Barlow, Colorado City Town Clerk

Summary of Board Actions: