

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MAY 9, 2019
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused:

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, May 9, 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 April 11, 2019 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to approve the April 11, 2019 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The motion carried.

B. HORSE BUTTE WIND PROJECT DISCUSSION

The Board previously discussed the retrofitting of some the power poles for eagle safety. Cory has looked at all poles included in the kmz file. There are fourteen poles that would qualify for the retrofit. A company called Reliaguard has a type of nest that can be installed on the poles. It is believed with labor and materials the approximate cost to the City will be \$5,405.00. The Power Department built a platform on a pole with an existing nest. It was taken directly from the Avian Protection Plan. UAMPS will reimburse the City for the cost and labor involved in the retrofit. It was suggested that the City put its own Avian Protection Plan in place.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

TED OLSON

UAMPS – UAMPS is looking at the feasibility of the solar project. The Aneth site is anticipated to be the most reasonable option. It is expected to be commissioned in 2022. The power purchase agreements and decommissioning process is being considered.

Carbon Free Project – Three engineers presented to the UAMPS meeting last week. A presentation was made concerning site excavation. They will be part of the team helping with the licensing application. A Canadian entity has expressed an interest in participating in this project.

Hunter – As a result of problems with the milling process, the Hunter Plant is at 78% of normal production.

Millard County Tax Dispute- After mediation attempts between Millard County and IPP this issue will be going to tax court.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

HYDRO – The Hydro unit one is generating approximately 1000 KW, unit two is generating approximately 450 KW, and Madsen Flat is about 60 KW. The old Hydro has not been turned on yet as the water has been diverted to the big hydro. When the water is higher the old one will be turned on.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Sewer - There are issues with the public using flushable wipes. They do not break down in the sewer system like toilet paper does and it is causing sewer backups.

Sewer Truck – A new sewer vac truck was purchased. The old truck broke down and the parts were not available to fix it. The new one is a smaller truck than the old one but has more capacity. The new truck is state of the art and will last the City for many years.

Tunnel – The pipe has been put in the tunnel, but the inspection is not complete. The waterline work has just begun, but a contractor is needed to hang the pipe.

Roads – The increased amount of moisture this year has caused the roads to settle in places they have not settled in the past. Public Works is doing their best to repair the settling as they see it.

Water- Work is being done to the tanks by the canyon road to provide more water to that location. The well is a little behind schedule, but the flow should be tested in the next couple days. The water looks good and is being tested at approximately 3,000 gallons per minute. The new well will hook into the current system and the water will be mixed resulting in reducing already low arsenic levels.

Flooding- Flooding is possible this year. Public works has done all they can to prepare. They feel confident they are as prepared as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member Don Thompson moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 8:12p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Leonard McCosh. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on June 13, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date