

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
AUGUST 22, 2019
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused:

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

Others Appearing: Cameo Pellegrino

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, August 22, 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 July 11, 2019 Utilities Board Meeting.

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

B. WATER LEAK CREDIT DISCUSSION CAMEO PELLEGRINO

Cameo had three leaks under her home. The leaks were discovered after she received a large water bill. By the time the location of the leak was discovered it was two weeks into the new billing cycle, which caused the leak to span two bills. The possible water credit based on the same month in 2018 usage is \$193.50.

Board Member Dale Nicholls moved to approve a water leak credit in the amount of \$193.50. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Thompson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

C. RED MESA SOLAR PROJECT

The Navajo Tribal Utility is doing a solar project in hopes to secure funds for the reservation residents that currently have no electricity. The previously discussed study on this project has been completed. A power purchase agreement has been negotiated between UAMPS and the Navajo Tribal Authority. Ted presented the Firm Power Supply Agreement Transaction Schedule to the Board. The projected commercial operation date is June of 2022. An advantage of this project is filling the gaps until the nuclear project comes online. The contract is for 25 years. The projected price is 2.3 cents per kWh for the first year with an annual two percent escalator. This project would give every resident the opportunity to participate in solar. The Resolution authorizing the Red Mesa Tapaha Solar Project Transaction Schedule under the Power Supply Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, and related matters was presented to the Board.

Board Member Don Thompson moved to recommend to City Council a resolution authorizing the Red Mesa Tapaha Solar Project transaction Schedule under the Power Supply Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems; and related matters. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

D. ELECTRIC DEMAND RATE DISCUSSION

A discussion was had concerning the difference between demand charges (KW) and energy charges (kWh). The current demand rate is written as, ***Every KW of demand over 15 KW will be billed at \$5.78 if total usage is over 6000 KWH.*** The wording “if total usage is over 6000 KWH” is antiquated and is requested to be removed. There are a few businesses and churches that are reaching the KW (demand) and not using 6000 kWh (energy) required for billing a demand charge. The City must provide the generators and infrastructure that will support these users when they have a demand but because of the kWh portion of the rate the billing is removed monthly.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to recommend to City Council removing the wording “if total usage is over 6000 KWH,” in the electric demand rate. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Thompson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

TED OLSON

UAMPS – The UAMPS fiscal year ended in the end of March. The surplus amounts in each project are redistributed back to the cities. The Ephraim City credit is \$87,930.16. It will appear on the September bill.

Annual Conference – Richard Wheeler, Cory Daniels, and Ted Olson attended the UAMPS annual conference this week.

Dale Nicholls-

Eight Inch Water Lines- Dale stated his concern that eight-inch water lines are used for sufficient fire protection.

Solar Panels- All solar panels and systems that are installed and connected into the City system undergo an inspection from the County. These systems must meet certain safety guidelines to be allowed interconnection in the City system.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

HYDRO –An order was placed for a new CPU for the hydro. The old CPU was installed in the 1980's. The new valve and actuator should be here in November and installed this coming fall or winter. It is hoped to install a fiberoptic line to all the Hydro's and substations. This would enable the option for SCATA.

Avian Protection Plan– The Power Department did receive all the parts to begin retrofitting the power poles. This process will begin when the list of poles that need to have the retrofit is complete.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Sanitary Survey – A State EPA representative did the Annual Sanitary Survey. The springs and collection areas checked out very well. There is some work to be done as a result of a mudslide, but everything else looked good.

Tunnel – The work crews were able to float the waterline down the tunnel. They are in the process of hanging the ten-inch waterline now. It is hoped that in the next three weeks the project will be complete.

Well – The new well is not pumping the capacity of water that was expected. One of the options to remedy this is to put in a larger pump in hopes of clearing out some of the sediment. It is hoped that this will clean out the well and improve the capacity.

Candice Maudsley, Utilities Board Secretary

Fall Employee Party – There will be an employee and volunteer party on September 16th.

September Meeting – Because of absence the meeting will be cancelled unless something pressing is brought up.

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 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on October 10, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date