

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MARCH 12, 2020
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused: Don Thompson

Staff Present: Public Works Director Chad Parry, Secretary Candice Maudsley, City Attorney Chase Andrizzi

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, March 12, 2020, 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 February 13, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to approve the February 13, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lorna Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT NET METERING AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FORMS.

The System Requirements were reviewed and there was discussion about the UL-1741 inverter. Cory Daniels was absent and the Board would like his input on System Requirements. Discussion was had about battery banks not being allowed interconnection into the City system. Concern was expressed about how the solar panels will be disconnected in the event of a fire. Implementation of the new agreements with existing net metering customers, once they are passed by City Council, were considered. There are not many changes between the old agreement and the new. The language is more pointed in understanding the reimbursement rate in the new agreement. The ultimate purpose of the Utilities Board is to make the best decisions for the residents of the entire city and not the few. The commercial and residential definitions for net metering users will be addressed in future meetings. The Board decided to wait until the next meeting to get the Power Director Cory Daniels feedback on all the new documents.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

TED OLSON

UAMPS – There is an opportunity to adjust the City’s participation in the Carbon Free Power Project. It will be postponed for a couple months. For the first time there will be a rate decrease from the Colorado River Storage Project. This will happen sometime in October. UAMPS is working on its annual budget.

Outside City Water Connection – The previous motion made by the Utilities Board was tabled by City Council. The concerns about the other infrastructure costs and the line not being looped have not been resolved.

IPP –There was a signing ceremony in Las Vegas. Ted Olson was honored as a representative for IPP. They are the world leaders in hydrogen fuel. The hope is that by 2025 it will be 100 percent hydrogen.

Leonard McCosh

Ted Olsen Article – The Sanpete Messenger ran an article about Ted Olson in the newspaper this week.

Dale Nicholls

Outside City Utilities – The City needs to be very careful how outside city utilities are implemented. The complications with properties after annexation need to be considered.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Bypass at the Hydro – A larger bypass is going in at the old hydro. The bypass will allow the plant to continue running and no longer have overflow.

Rural Water Conference – Chad Parry attended the Rural Water Conference recently. New technology for lining sewer lines without replacing them was discussed.

Corona Virus – There are many cancellations of large gatherings, church meetings, sports events and other events. Governor Herbert declared a state of emergency. The City services will continue running as usual.

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 8:26 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 April 9, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date