

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
JULY 9, 2020
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused: Don Thompson

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

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, July 9, 2020, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Ted Olson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to approve the June 11, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DRAFT NET METERING POLICY

- Page four under liability LP&L is in the document and needs to be removed.
- The definition of commercial says *single family homes* and the definition of residential says *single family dwelling*. It will be changed to be consistent verbiage.
- System standards need to conform to the National Electric Code.
- The new section additions to the policy include; the definitions, testing and maintenance, liability, and system restrictions.
- The word energy needs to be included in the restrictions. It will clarify the meaning and make it consistent with the other forms.
- The power poles are marked as a precaution to make the lineman aware that there is a possibility of back feed. The inverter should have an automatic shut off to prevent this.

- All the requested changes on the application and agreement from the previous meeting have been updated.
- Cory passed out a document to help make a 25kW system more understandable.
- The option for a resident to offset their bill is available with the new system restrictions.
- The Stonecroft mini house subdivision was discussed. The two previously approved systems will be installed there.
- Grandfathering was discussed. Residents with systems before the changes will keep the systems as they are. If the property is sold or the system changed, a new application and agreement would be required.
- The signature page will be changed from the mayor's signature to the power directors' signature.
- It is hoped to lift the solar moratorium the first City Council meeting in August.

Board Member Lorna Larsen moved to approve the Net Metering Ordinance Policy, the commercial and industrial Net Metering Agreements and Applications and recommend them to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

TED OLSON

UAMPS – The annual member conference is scheduled the 16th through the 19th.

CFPP – The financing for this project has become very complex. There may be other entities interested in buying into the project. The small modular reactor is exciting technology. On July 21st a town hall meeting will be held to answer questions concerning the project. The Utilities Board and the City Council are all invited to attend.

Solar Purchase Opportunity – The solar purchase opportunity in Box Elder County was available but turned down.

IPA – It has been requested that the Utah Cities put contingency moneys into the hydrogen projects. This will cost the City no money. Several resolutions will be passed by the end of the month.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

HYDRO – The water is dropping, and the big hydro was shut down today. The old hydro will take six to eight weeks to repair. A feasibility study will be done to determine adding another hydro or larger pipeline. This would help with the issue of the water hammer when there is a power outage.

Projects –

- Maintenance because of a couple power outages.
- Antonio has started his house. The power was connected today.
- The glass cutouts are slowly being replaced.

Transformers – The transformer at Walmart was tested. The other two at the canyon substation will be tested also. Maintenance is needed every five years.

Jeff Jensen, Public Works

Water Supply - The springs are slightly lower than they were last year at this time, but they are still doing well.

Well House – The plumbing for the well house has begun. They will go east to west to tie it into the system. The well produces approximately 500 gallons per minute. It is hoped to get the well on Rex Nielsen's property switched to culinary.

New Meter System. – The towers are going up for the new water metering system. The next step is to get the software and billing systems running.

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 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lorna Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on August 13, 2020, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date

