

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
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OCTOBER 8, 2020
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused: Lorna Larsen, Don Thompson

Staff Present: Public Works Director Jeff Jensen, Power Superintendent Cory Daniels, Secretary Candice Maudsley

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, October 8, 2020, in the Ephraim City Hall Council Room. Utilities Board Chair Ted Olson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting. A sentence needs to be added stating: The feeling of the Board was to keep the participation the same and watch how things may change. The word *reward* will be changed to *an award*.

Board Member McCosh moved to approve the August 20, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes with the requested changes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL MOTION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF THE CARBON FREE POWER PROJECT (CFPP) ALLOCATION

The CFPP allocation deadline was previously the end of September. It has now been extended to the end of October. An award for this project is expected to be approved by congress by October 16, 2020. The project currently has bipartisan support. The award to the Department of Energy is expected annually, but it is possible it may not be renewed. Kaysville City has withdrawn from the project. When a large city withdraws the cost to the other cities increases. There are two major utilities in the northwest that are seriously considering joining the project. If they choose to join it will offset the loss of two large Utah cities. Ephraim City has the option to reduce, increase, or drop out of the project. There is a Carbon Free Project LLC that is owned and organized by

UAMPS. This would provide a separation between this project and the other UAMPS projects. There are currently no other cities known that are withdrawing from the project.

If the City chooses to keep the current allocation no motion is required. The investors are confident in the project. An economic competitive test will be done to determine expenditures. The target price is \$55 per mWh and possibly as low as \$50 per mWh. The long-term power solution this provides is considered worth the risk. The Board was unanimous in their desire to remain with the current allocation.

The Intermountain Power Project is paid off in 2023. The City will plan to call back some of the power in 2024.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

TED OLSON–

Millard County Dispute – Discussions have been had and the tax commission has ruled to great extent in IPP's favor. Millard County will not accept the ruling. The issue will be going to court.

Dale Nicholls

Rocky Mountain Power – RMP proposed this week to reduce their solar buyback rate by 85%.

Kelly Larsen

Snow College Business Building – A filter failed, and the basement of the building was flooded with eight feet of water. The new meter system would have alerted the City of the leak sooner.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

Kingdom Management – The situation with trailers being without utilities after the owner has moved the trailers was discussed. A lot of utility upgrade work has been done. The trailer owners are now required to reconnect their utilities from the connections to their trailers. There is still an issue with the availability of natural gas. The end goal of the owner is to provide a better and safer living condition for the residents as the previous connections were not safe.

UAMPS Report – Cory presented a report showing maximum power used at certain times of day, as well as totals for a day. The UAMPS report is for the fiscal year and does not include hydro production. Cory has put together a report showing the hydro production to compare to the electric consumption from UAMPS. The annual usage is approximately 38,000,000 kWh.

New Services – In the past six weeks the Power Department has put in six new residential services. The department has purchased a reserve of supplies to support the new growth.

Pad for New Well – The new pad has been installed and the power is ready.

Old Hydro – The old hydro is repaired and running. There is not a lot of water, but it is producing about 20 kW.

Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director

Water Projects - The new well should be online and pumping water by the end of the month. There are a couple more connections to make on 300 North.

Sewer Lagoons – In the twenty years of working for the City, Jeff has never seen the sewer lagoons so dry. The summer has been very dry and hot.

Water – The water supply is doing well as people are beginning to shut off their sprinklers for the year.

Sewer Testing for Covid-19 – Several surrounding cities have been testing their sewage for Covid-19. Ephraim City is not currently testing for it.

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 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on November 12, 2020, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date