

Utility Departments of Hildale/Colorado City

Utility Board Meeting Minutes
320 East Newel Ave, Hildale Utah
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 6:00 pm

Present: Utility Board

Board Members:	Present	Absent	Excused
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	(by phone)		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	(by phone)		
Michael Cawley	X		

Staff Present: Harrison Johnson, Mariah LaCorti, Weston Barlow, Nathan Fischer

Court Monitor: Roger Carter

Public Present: Vance Barlow, Eric Duthie (this list may be incomplete)

#1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken, quorum present.

#2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Haven Barlow offered a prayer, the crowd joined in the pledge of allegiance.

#3. Public Comment

Eric Duthie, new City Manager of Hildale, introduced himself.

#4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Haven Barlow moved to approve the October 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Michael Cawley seconded. Roll call vote:

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

#5. Financial Report

Harrison presented. He went over the expenditures on the invoice register. The Board talked about the Cares Act Fiber Funding, wells, and past due bills.

JVar Dutson moved to pay the bills as the funds are made available.

Jason Black seconded. Roll call vote:

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		
Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

#6. Director Report

Harrison gave a brief introduction of Eric Duthie, new Hildale City Manager. Harrison presented on the Cares Act Fiber Funding and what has been accomplished with the availability of fiber in new locations. He gave an update on the sewer impact fees revision related to the department being in contact with Sunrise Engineering to evaluate the necessity of projects and their costs.

#7. Water Operations Update

Harrison presented. He discussed the situation with Well 4 and the extent of the damage it has. The Department Staff has worked on assessments and cost estimates to repair and possibly replace some of the wells. They will meet with the Arizona Department of Water Resources Board to discuss financial support. Harrison talked about the water loss levels in Shinarump Aquifer. The Department has been in contact with well operators in hopes of learning new methods and techniques to increase water supply. The Department is also seeking funds from different sources for water shares management. Harrison answered questions and comments from the Board.

#8. Consideration and Possible Action of Water Service Impact Fee Study

Harrison presented. The Department is looking for authorization to spend up to \$7,000 to conduct a water impact study. This study is required every 5 years and is needed due to changes in our infrastructure plans. Roger Carter gave clarifications on the impact fees process. Harrison discussed the impact fee change process with the Board. (Complete 2014 study provided in packet for informational purposes.)

Jason Black moved to approve the \$7,000 expenditure to conduct a water impact fee study.

JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

Board Members:	Yes	No	Abstain
Haven Barlow	X		
Sterling Jessop, Jr.	X		

Ralph Johnson	X		
Arvin Black	X		
Jason Black	X		
Nathan Burnham	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
Michael Cawley	X		

Motion carried.

#9. Review of Maxwell Park Water Policies

Harrison presented. He walked the Board through the updates made to the proposed policy concerning the water delivery costs to Maxwell Park's water meter. There was a discussion on legalities of using funds for beautification of the park and on non-financial reasoning behind the policy.

#10. Review of Canaan Mountain Water Project Approvals

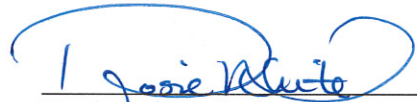
Harrison presented on the Canaan Mountain Water Project involving an application process for Right-of-Way permits from the Bureau of Land Management. This would include coordination and cooperation with organizations such as the Washington County Conservancy District, U.S. BLM, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The approval of this would be brought before the City Council next month for consent. Roger Carter gave clarifications on the engineering legalities of these projects.

#11. Adjournment

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 Next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes were approved at the meeting on January 28, 2021.


Athena Cawley, Hildale City Recorder


Rosie White, Colorado City Town Clerk



Summary of Board Actions:

Approval of October 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval to Pay the Bills

Approval of Water Impact Fee Study expenditure