



MINUTES
Springville Water Advisory Board Meeting - MARCH 9, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 6:30 A.M.

Committee Members in Attendance: Rollin Hotchkiss, Rod Andrew, Calvin Crandall, Alton Beck, Cl. Jensen

City Staff: Marcie Clark, Brad Stapley

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hotchkiss welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. A card was passed around for John Clemons, who suffered a stroke last month. His wife will keep us posted on where he will be, once he is discharged from the hospital.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Crandall made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes. Mr. Beck seconded. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

New Business:

1. Update on water supply - Brad Stapley

Mr. Stapley displayed the current Snotel report on the screen, which shows we are at 77%. It doesn't look good for this summer, but it could be worse. Drought is anything under 80%. Our aquifer storage doesn't fluctuate much. Mr. Crandall mentioned that the soil is really dry underneath, so we shouldn't expect much runoff. The snow will melt into the ground. He said he will probably have to use Strawberry Water to supplement his irrigation needs. Mr. Stapley stated that he has been having drought meetings with other city departments, to put together a plan on conserving water. He does not want to ration water city-wide because residents tend to use more. He wants to start with cemeteries, then parks, then move to schools and churches. The City will also work with those using secondary water. We will probably have to pull Strawberry Water into the system. Mr. Stapley doesn't expect any problems with culinary, but possibly with secondary. Mr. Crandall suggested the mayor include something in his newsletter message about water conservation.

2. Update on water expansion (new tank) - Shawn Barker - tabled

Mr. Stapley handed out a copy of the Public Works 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. He explained that the city's budget process began months ago, but we are turning in the final numbers this week. He went through the water budget and reviewed growth projections. Each cost has to be justified. The 5-year plan changes to some extent every year. Public Works is planning on adding personnel this year. Mr. Stapley explained how we balance revenues and projected expenses. Mr. Andrew asked about water shares and how they are calculated on a residential subdivision that use be an alfalfa field. Mr. Stapley explained that currently we require one water share per acre developed, which goes into our wells. The State will then give the water shares a "haircut" because homes aren't going to need as much water as alfalfa. We don't get 1:1 when secondary water is moved to culinary. Once the city gets water rights, we can't sell them. Water shares are a little different. Mr. Crandall mentioned that some cities handle water differently.

Mr. Stapley explained that we're spending more money than we have in this budget year in the Water Division. When we add personnel to the Engineering or Streets Division, the Water Division has to help

fund that. We plan on bonding \$5 million for a new tank. Mr. Stapley reviewed the water operations budget for 2022. We have around \$3.4 million in the bank right now. But we can't build a \$5 million tank for \$3.4 million. He explained a revenue basis, which is the total revenues we need to operate. The Council's goal is to have 30% of the operating revenues in the bank all the time, in case we have a problem. Mr. Hotchkiss asked about the 20-year plan that was shown to the Water Board years ago. Is the City looking at projections vs. actuals? Mr. Stapley reviewed that plan again. We look good until year 6, when our projects are more than our current fee schedule can handle. We'll be working through those issues with Administration and Finance. Mr. Beck mentioned that most people don't realize that their water rates aren't just for water. Mr. Stapley stated that almost a half million dollars comes out of the water budget to the General Fund, which pays for things like the fire station remodel, library, museum, recreation center, etc. Mr. Stapley reviewed the current water rates for Springville and surrounding cities and the average water bills. Water in Springville is cheaper than most communities. Mr. Hotchkiss asked if the city's bonding history has increased over the past decade? Mr. Stapley said no. He reviewed our current bond from 2008 for the sewer plant and the water line that goes down 400 South. It will end in 2028, when the water department will have about \$200,000 a year more (from interest and principle). But, if we bond \$6 million for a new tank, we'll be back up over \$400,000. Over the next 6-7 years, the water division will be paying over \$600,000 year just for bonding expenses. Springville has a 5% transfer rate from enterprise funds, which has worked well. We have projections to replace tanks and water lines, based on their age, but if they still look good, we may let them go longer before proceeding with the project. We don't fix things if they're not broken, but we also don't neglect things. We have pipes in Plat A that are 100 years old. We do plan to replace the water line soon in 1000 South, 1200 East to 400 East.

Mr. Stapley stated that Springville's storm water rates are low. He plans to propose an increase in rates to fund more staff. They will keep the streets, gutters, etc. clean, which will make our community look better and prevent other problems in the system.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Beck moved to adjourn. Cl. Jensen seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 a.m.