

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
APRIL 8, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused:

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

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Lorna Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member McCosh moved to approve the March 11, 2021 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MORATORIUM FOR OUTSIDE CITY WATER CONNECTIONS

There is clarification needed in the ordinance regarding outside city water connections. The moratorium would be for six months. This time would allow more clarity to be added to the ordinance. There are currently 24 people using city water that live outside of city limits. It is hoped that the new ordinance will require annexation to get a water connection.

Board Member McCosh moved to put a moratorium on outside city water connections for six months. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Lorna Larsen

Hydro Tour – Cory gave Lorna a tour of the Hydro this week. She would like to meet with Jeff and be given a tour of the public works facilities and how they work.

Kelly Larsen

Constitutional Amendment – There is question about how the constitutional amendment recently passed will affect the outside city water connections. The current rates for those users may need to be reviewed. The City Council will investigate how this may affect outside city water during the moratorium.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

UAMPS –

- There is 500 billion dollars in CARES Act money that has not been spent.
- CFPP (Carbon Free Power Project)- There is an Arizona entity considering a letter of intent for the project at 25MW. A letter of intent in the amount of 150MW was also received. This will help the project to continue. UAMPS hopes to get full subscription to the six modules which is 480 mega-watts. This would be a great starting point and would support the beginning rate of \$55 per MWh.
- One fifth of the gas reserves in the United States were frozen off in Texas.
- The UAMPS newsletter will be sent to the Utilities Board.

New Employee – Chance Christiansen will be starting as the new journeyman electrician on April 12th.

Cares Act Money– Diesel Generators will be installed at City Hall and the Fire Station. The wells will also have a generator installed. This will help during power outages to pump water.

Power Outage– The outage was caused by a trip and re-close event at the Jerusalem Substation in Moroni.

Hydro– The unit one hydro will be shut down next week for maintenance. It is hoped to have it serviced before spring runoff.

Candice Maudsley, Utilities Board Secretary

New Secretary – Next month will be Candice's last meeting. Esmeralda Salas will be the new secretary for the Board.

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 7:26 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 May 13, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:


Lorna Larsen, Chair

5-13-2021
Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date

