

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MARCH 11, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused:

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

Others Appearing: Brett Olson, Kim Olson

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, March 11, 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 February 11, 2021 Utilities Board Meeting.

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

B. OUTSIDE CITY WATER CONNECTION (BRETT OLSON)

The Olson's approached the Board requesting an outside city water connection. Brett Olson would like to build a home in the County Buffer Zone of Ephraim City at approximately 1300 South 300 East. The water line is looped in by Wildee Mortenson's home and into the line at 300 East that goes along the East side of the applicant's property. The water valve is turned off because it crosses two pressure zones. Power will be provided by Rocky Mountain Power and the property will have a septic tank. With an application for outside city water, the applicant is required to sign an annexation agreement or pre-annexation agreement. Fire hydrant proximity was discussed. This is not a Utilities Board issue, but a Fire Department issue. The Board would like more substantial guidelines in approving and denying outside city water connections. It was suggested that a closer look be taken at the new constitutional amendment regarding water service districts.

Board Member Kelly Larsen moved to approve the outside city water connection pending the Fire Department approval. The motion was seconded by Board Member McCosh. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

C. NAMING OF THE HYDRO

The proposal was made that the old Hydro be named the Ted L. Olsen Hydro. A steel plate design with the new name would be made to mount on the front of the Hydro.

Board Member Nicholls moved to name the old Hydro the Ted L. Olsen Hydro. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

D. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE UTILITIES BOARD ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed section 8.08.030 Term; Vacancies. The language was confusing and outdated. It was compared to the Planning Commission ordinance language which was more concise and understandable. In section 8.08.040 Qualifications; the first sentence describing being a resident is confusing and unclear. The ordinance will be given to the City Attorney Brian Page for revision. The changes will be sent back to the Board for review at the next meeting.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Lorna Larsen

Don Thompson – Don will no longer serve as a member of the Utilities Board.

Dale Nicholls

House Bill 82 – This bill will allow residents to rent out their basements. The concern is overwhelming the sewer system and lack of parking.

Richard Wheeler

Documents for Review – A copy of the House Bills 82 and 98 were requested for review.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

New Utility Board Member – Chad Parry has been asked if he would be willing to serve on the Utilities Board. He has accepted and his name will be sent to City Council for appointment.

Power Department Vacancy- Twenty-one job applications have been received. The interview process will begin sometime next week.

Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director

Water Supply - The recent storms have helped the water levels.

Sewer Lining – The last portion of the sewer lining project was completed.

Meters – Water meters are being replaced as quickly as possible.

Candice Maudsley, Utilities Board Secretary

Tribute Video for Ted Olson –IPA made a beautiful tribute video to Ted Olson. The video link will be emailed to the board members.

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 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on April 8, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:


Lorna Larsen, Chair

4-8-21
Date

ATTEST:


Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date

