MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 6:30 A.M. AT THE SPRINGVILLE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN, MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Committee Members in Attendance: Rollin Hotchkiss, Nile Hatch, Rod Andrew, Bryan Boshell, Calvin Crandall, Cl. Jensen

City Staff: Brad Stapley, Marcie Clark, Shawn Barker, Tyson Bartlett

TO ORDER

Mr. Hotchkiss welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Ms. Clark gave a brief update on Mr. Clemons.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Stapley asked to change the $6 million bond on the new tank to $5 million. We will use some impact fee monies if it goes above that.
Mr. Crandall made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes. Mr. Andrew seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Update on water supply.
Update on new tank – (400 South #3) Mr. Barker explained that we're still doing geo tech work on finding where the fault line is. We may have to adjust where the tank goes, depending on where the fault lines are.

New Business:

1. Secondary Water/Plan for summer – Tyson Bartlett presented Powerpoint on Springville City Irrigation & PI. There are 2,040 acre feet used of Hobble Creek water. Total acre feet used in 2020 was 2,327, which included 580 acres for 120 Plat A users, City Parks, 11,00 PI users and 67 Highline Ditch users, plus 115 acres for Harward Farms. We used 286 acre feet of Strawberry Water through the PI system. We have 3800 acre feet of Strawberry water allotted to us every year. After we use that, we dip into what we call the "bank". Mr. Crandall explained that we're at about 70% of our allotment in the bank currently. The only way to put water back into the bank is to not use it. Springville City owns 50% of Springville Irrigation Company water shares. Mr. Stapley asked Mr. Crandall if the City's portion is protected. Mr. Crandall didn't think it was. We try to put the least amount of water in the ditches and cancel turns if it has rained a lot. This year we started a few days later than usual. Mr. Hotchkiss asked if there is any kind of discussion that can be had between the Irrigation Company and the City to make sure the City's banked water isn't being used. Mr. Crandall will take that back to the Irrigation District and talk about putting together a "budget".

   Mr. Bartlett explained what we did with Jake Harward for his crops in the west fields. Anytime we can put water into a pressurized system, we save water. Mr. Harward doesn't have to pump now - he waters during the day when he has laborers to watch it. There was a brief discussion on which areas are crops and which properties will be developed. If we start having problems with pressure for homes, we can cut off Harward, according to the agreement.

   Overview of Management Plan 2021:
   - Educate users through City newsletter monthly
   - Limit the waste of water by coordination and scheduling

- Monitor rain events and cancel turns when possible
- Bi weekly meetings to monitor use throughout the season

Mr. Hatch mentioned that we should use "drought" language rather than suggesting to conserve, otherwise people won't respond. Mr. Crandall asked if the City can track how many people are looking on-line at our water education/drought posts.

Mr. Stapley is meeting with CUWCD today on a grant to offer rebates for smart controllers. He would like to get those for the City parks. The LDS Church is already doing that. Mr. Crandall suggested letting residents know about this rebate program.

Mr. Hotchkiss brought up bigger picture items – is the City concerned that water revenues will go down with conservation efforts? Mr. Stapley isn't worried about it yet. We have reserves in our water operating revenues. Mr. Hotchkiss mentioned that we have a culture of green grass, yet we're in a desert. Who is ready to go to xeriscape and change the ordinate/law on landscaping? Mr. Stapley stated that we follow the General Plan, which is counter to that. Utah doesn't want to look like Arizona. That could change as we start to run out of water. There was a discussion on how many water shares the City requires when development happens.

1:41:52 Mr. Stapley explained that we want to have 30% of operating revenues in the bank, per City Council. For the Water Division, that target number is $1.4 million. The current reserve is $3.4 million. So, we basically have $2 million above what the City Council has asked for. We won't be using that for the new tank because it is growth based. The money in reserves has come from residents who already live here. We have other repairs and renovation projects coming up that will use that $2 million. Mr. Crandall explained that the average citizen doesn't know all the expenses the City has, behind the scenes.

Mr. Hotchkiss asked if we should do something bigger, like having a booth at Art City Days, or a door hanger. Maybe we need to get creative in our approach, rather than just newsletter articles and social media.

Mr. Hatch asked how much less water we have this year. Mr. Barker stated that our springs are still producing and our wells are lower, but we still have water, even if we have to pull Strawberry water at an expensive rate.

Mr. Crandall mentioned 2021 is looking similar to 2018 with runoff and water usage. Mr. Stapley mentioned that there won't be a culinary water problem this year, but we might have a problem with secondary. Mr. Bartlett stated that, at some point, we may have to implement water restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boshell moved to adjourn. Cl. Crandall seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 a.m.

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