



MINUTES
Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting - MAY 18, 2021

MINUTES OF THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Richard J. Child

Elected Officials in Attendance: Liz Crandall
Craig Jensen
Matt Packard
Mike Snelson
Brett Nelson

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, City Recorder Kim Crane, Building and Grounds Director Bradley Neel, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Golf Pro Craig Norman, Police Chief Lance Haight, Administrative Services Director Patrick Monney, Power Director Leon Fredrickson, City Engineer Jeff Anderson, Library Director Dan Mickelson, and Museum of Art Director Rita Wright.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Child welcomed everyone and called the Work/Study meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Calendar

- May 31 - Memorial Day Observed (City Offices Closed Monday)
- Jun 1 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jun 05-12 - Art City Days Celebration
- Jun 08 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Child asked if there were any questions or additions to the calendar. There were none.

2. Discussion on this evening's Regular Meeting agenda items

- a) Invocation - Councilmember Crandall
- b) Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Snelson
- c) Consent Agenda
 2. Approval of minutes for April 06, 2021 work-study and regular meetings and April 20, 2021, regular meeting.
 3. Approval of the task award for the PL566 Watershed Plan under the current general agreement - Jeff Anderson, City Engineer

4. Approval of Firework Restrictions and Map for the wildland interface areas of Springville - Henry Clinton, Fire Chief
5. Approval of a Resolution approving the MWPP Annual Report - Jake Nostrom, Water Reclamation, and Storm Water Superintendent

Mayor Child asked if there was any discussion on tonight's consent agenda. There was none.

3. DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Highline Ditch Discussion

Administrator Fitzgerald reported there had been many discussions over the years regarding the Highline Ditch and currently the ongoing adjudication in the canyon regarding water rights.

For more than 100 years, the Highline Ditch has provided water service to the east side of the City. Over that same 100 years, various claims and concerns have arisen surrounding the exchange of water, ownership of the water rights, and the operation of the ditch itself.

This Ditch is now aged and needs work or replacement. The question is whether it makes financial sense to repair or replace the current Highline Ditch. If not, what are the alternatives for the City to continue to supply water to current users along the ditch? Approximately 66 users take water from the Highline Ditch. The Users water everything from a small backyard to large agricultural fields.

Administrator Fitzgerald reviewed the city's position regarding the Highline Ditch. Six or seven individuals had been determined by the state engineer through the adjudication process to have water rights. While private laterals had been installed and maintained by the owners.

A survey showed more than 50% said they should pay for the water and operations, more questioned whether they should pay for the capital side. He explained the city fee is for maintenance, operations, and capital projects. Repairs to The Ditch and expanding the secondary system would be an option as there is secondary infrastructure in the area. Recent studies show secondary water would be more expensive than culinary, staff could research further if the council requests.

Administrator Fitzgerald reported the private delivery system of the user getting water delivered from The Ditch to their private property has some risk to private property and people. An estimated 40,000 gallons of water are lost per year.

Neil Strong, a resident stated Springville did buy strawberry water as well as individuals on the Highline Ditch paid for strawberry water and received shares. Administrator Fitzgerald stated the city has found deeds and has been unable to find Strawberry Water records of purchase by private landowners and then dedication to the city for delivery.

John Hafen, a resident stated when he purchased property, they received water to be sufficient for the land being purchased.

Neil Strong, a resident expressed they were claiming to have delivery rights, not water rights. Administrator Fitzgerald asked if the delivery rights were from the Highline? Don stated there are records showing delivery. Administrator Fitzgerald replied the city is not wanting to take delivery away, it is who pays for it.

Neil Strong, a resident commented the city should have been like the irrigation company and assessed the water and needed improvements, the city should have done that. As a water user, he received documents and the city received funds for the maintenance.

John Hafen, a resident stated some time ago funds were being collected for a water sinking fund and has ceased collecting.

Neil Strong commented the council needs to remember 60-75 people today and probably 2000 water users in the community have a lot of water delivered from an open ditch and Springville Irrigation delivers the water. The city owns the irrigation company and how is the city going to respond to all the water users, their water is going away and they have to connect to culinary. Administrator Fitzgerald

replied currently there is an enclosed secondary system that has been planned and paid for beforehand and ultimately there are no more open ditch users.

Neil Strong expressed there are more than 60-75 users that can benefit from the city improving or replacing the Highline Ditch. Administrator Fitzgerald replied the challenge is it would be more expensive than the culinary solution.

John Hafen agreed the current city council cannot be held responsible for previous city councils. More research is needed on the cost, where to get the money, and who is going to pay. We need to look at possible solutions.

Administrator Fitzgerald stated in reviewing the totality of the circumstances, once all costs were properly considered, the cost of providing service through the Highline Ditch would be higher than providing better service through the culinary system. Moreover, the City would save and be able to better utilize tens of millions of gallons of water per year, and risk to the community would be decreased.

He gave his recommendation and asked what about development, accepted water for development with pending adjudication, the council will need to decide if the credit will continue. He reviewed the financial savings of a sample of users. It would depend on the size of the lot and how much water is used by each lot. If the council wanted to study it further there is time before the next irrigation season, and increases have not been added to the budget.

Mayor Child stated the secondary system in the Westfields was to save water and saved the city from drilling a well. Eventually, everyone is going to have to save water over time and get it all pressurized. Users of the sprinkler system on the Highline Ditch are using more water. The irrigation system is a waste of water and will come to an end. Are we doing a little fix or a long-time fix and we should look into the future as a total build-out and be economical and conserve water.

Jeremiah Maughan, a resident stated it was the States position and it would only be a matter of time before the State decides for the city. He did think it was important to put the effort in now. Over time things will change and possibly be abandoned.

Administrator Fitzgerald asked for the council's recommendation on moving forward. Mayor Child suggested having one more work session and then go from there.

Councilmember Packard stated the offer recommended was very good for them and could be explained to other citizens. There is a need to work towards a resolution for the future.

Dale Jarman asked what was being done regarding how much water would be needed for expansion. Administrator Fitzgerald stated he would be willing to discuss it further with Mr. Jarman. He explained Springville's water position was good and there is a plan in place.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Child asked for any other comments. There were none.

5. CLOSED SESSION

The Springville City Council may temporarily recess the regular meeting and convene in a closed session as provided by Utah Code Annotated Section 52-4-205

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER PACKARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT 6:40 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBER SNELSON SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED AYE.

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study meeting held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.
I, Kim Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Recorder for Springville City, of Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true and accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

DATE APPROVED: July 20, 2021



Kim Crane, CMC
City Recorder