



MINUTES
Springville Water Advisory Board Meeting - SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:30 A.M. AT THE SPRINGVILLE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN, MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

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

City Staff: Brad Stapley, Marcie Clark, Shawn Barker

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stapley asked Cl. Jensen to run the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Cl. Jensen asked if there were any changes or comments on the July 15, 2021 minutes. Mr. Crandall asked about the comment Mr. Stapley made about the water the City has access to for \$2/million a year. The minutes stated Strawberry Water, but he believes it should be ULS Water. Mr. Stapley confirmed that it should be ULS water. Mr. Crandall made a motion to approve the July minutes with that correction. Mr. Hatch seconded. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Old Business:

1. Water Conservation Efforts - Mr. Stapley mentioned that water revenues were down about 10% below projected revenues for July and August 2021, which equates to about half a million dollars. We're looking closely at why. It could be because of conservation. We will either need to raise rates or cut projects.

New Business:

- 1 Continued discussion on tiered water rates - Mr. Stapley was asked by City Administration to continue the discussion on tiered rates. Mr. Stapley distributed a copy of the current budget and water rates. Administration doesn't want to penalize the large lot water users. Mr. Hatch stated that that is the same thing as saying we shouldn't penalize small lot users. He could do another analysis on that, if the board would like him to. It would show what would happen to different user groups if the tiers change. Mr. Stapley mentioned that the City has signed a capstone contract for a BYU engineering project on a rate analysis. Mr. Stapley asked if we want to make the tiers larger? Do we want to leave the tiers as they are? Conservation is a two-edged sword. Currently, the secondary water rates are 10% lower than culinary rates. Mr. Andrew stated that water conservation is never going away. With continued construction in Utah, we're going to have less water available in the future, so we need to figure out how to adjust the budget long term. Mr. Stapley mentioned that the City makes approximately \$3.8 million a year on the sale of residential culinary water. Cl. Jensen mentioned that the City doesn't have to make money, but we can't afford to lose money. Residents need to at least pay for what it costs. The students will be done with the capstone project in early December. There was brief discussion on enterprise and general funds. Mr. Stapley mentioned that Springville City rates are about 51% of other cities, so we will most likely raise rates. Mr. Hatch stated that according to his data, if you look at the high end users (those using over 100,000 gallons), Springville is at the high end of our neighboring cities. But if you look at the users who stay below 20,000 gallons, which is about 50% of the residents, we're the cheapest. That's a result of the tiers. Mr. Stapley stated that if we raised the base rate by \$1 a month per service, we would get around \$138,000 a month more. And it's guaranteed revenue. We have an operation and capital budget within the Water Department.

The base rates cover our operations and part of our capital. Mr. Crandall mentioned that we can't blame conservation on the revenue decrease. We need to sell it to the public as the rise in expenses, the cost of maintenance, labor, materials, etc. are going up. Mr. Stapley reminded the board that our sewer rates are also based on water use. Although it's winter usage.

- 2 Local Match Grant Program. Mr. Stapley distributed a handout - Projects for Grant Submission. The City has received almost \$2 million in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and will probably receive that much next year. The City has strategically gone through projects and have decided to submit applications for three projects: Burt Springs Re-Development and Bartholomew Springs Repair, 1000 South Waterline Replacement and South Main Street Waterline Replacement, and Anoxic Tank - Wastewater Treatment Plant. There are two different sets of funds.

City American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds is the COVID money we already have. The COVID-19 Local Assist Grant is what we're trying to get and applications are due September 15th. We thought it would be best to show them (US Dept. of Treasury) how we're using our ARPA Funds and our City Utility Funds and a match for them. Other cities are just asking them to fund 100% of their projects. We've tried to be creative on this. If we get these funds, we will save about \$3 million in grant money. The grant money may not go directly to the Water Department, but other various projects within the City.

Mr. Barker explained the 1000 South pipeline replacement. It was installed in 1924; it's a 10" lead joint pipeline with lead gooseneck services all along the street. It runs under the trailer park at 1000 South 400 E, under the Highway to the old Prior Dairy property. Mr. Stapley stated that the anoxic tank will help us with our effluent quality and make us more efficient.

Cl. Jensen stated that the City was very conservative with the ARPA money they received. Mr. Stapley mentioned we should know by the end of the year if we get any of the grant money.

Mr. Andrew announced his retirement from Nestle will be December 10th. Kathryn Mattox will replace him in December. We'll need to nominate her to the Water Board and she'll need to fill out the application for the mayor to approve.

Mr. Stapley brought up the new 3-million-gallon tank that is planned to go in next to the other Lower Spring Creek tanks. We completed the fault analysis and figured out where to place the tank. This project has been sped up considerably by the Park's Department because they are going to put in a bike park on the same parcel. Earthwork will start in the next month or so. Public involvement will happen soon to let the surrounding residents know what is happening. We haven't gone out to bond yet. He is working with Administration.

Mr. Barker explained that his guys televised the Bartholomew Springs spring line, where we have had breaks and obstructions before. This section has been off-line all year. They dug up where the breach was and pulled about 12 feet of roots out. It was pretty clear from there. They floated a miniature camera with a pool noodle down the pipe. They couldn't see the pipe condition very well, but there aren't any major obstructions any more. We have two options: line the pipe, if we can find a company that can get their equipment up there, or re-routing it around the spring line. Mr. Stapley stated that our goal is to get it back up and running by next spring. We're still looking at moving Highline Ditch water rights up the canyon. We're just waiting for the adjudication to be done.

Mr. Stapley mentioned that we barely got into our water bank this year. We plan to cut the last irrigation turn.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crandall seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 a.m.