

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
JUNE 10, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Excused: Chad Parry

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

Others Appearing: Don Robbins

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, June 10, 2021, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Lorna Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member McCosh moved to approve the May 13, 2021, Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. DISCUSSION WITH DON ROBBINS CONCERNING THE MF-J PUMP MOTOR

The M-F J Pump being used by Don Robbins, is no longer usable because the motor has gone out. The power superintendent was contacted to discuss the issue. It is believed there may be issues with voltage. Don discovered issues with wires in the conduit. Cory discovered one of the connections on the pole side was broken apart and a blown fuse, causing single phasing voltage from the transformer to the pump meter. It is possible that the motor saver went out because of the power outages that have been experienced out there from blown fuses. Don fixed the issues with the wires, but the motor was damaged beyond repair. The rough estimate to replace the motor is \$10,000 - \$12,000. Don requested the City help with the cost to replace the motor. It was suggested that Don contact his insurance company. The power superintendent suggested the option of waiving four months of billing to compensate a portion of the cost of the new motor.

Board Member Kelly Larsen moved to approve the request to waive power usage billing for four months with a cap of \$10,000, this request will be sent to city council. The motion was seconded by Board Member McCosh. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dale Nicholls

Water usage – Board member Nicholls inquired about any plan made for water usage. The public works director informed the board of an executive order sent out by the state governor for all state facilities to cut down watering to twice a week. The splash pad may be shut off early due to current water conditions. Water flow has been approximately 1,000 gallons per minute behind what it was last year at this time of year. The well has been turned on to compensate the low water flow.

School Facilities – A suggestion was made that a letter be sent to Snow College regarding their outdoor watering. The South Sanpete School District would also be contacted regarding outdoor water usage.

Leonard McCosh

Supplies – Board member McCosh inquired about a central bank for supplies that the power department could consider contacting. Power Superintendent Daniels informed the board that other power companies have been contacted to inquire about purchasing supplies through them if it will be needed.

Richard Wheeler

Budget – The budget is balanced and set to be approved.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

Supplies – It has been difficult for the Power department to obtain supplies. Material and supplies have been purchased in preparation for the growth in Ephraim.

Budget – Funds from the Power Department Fund will remain in the Power Fund rather than being transferred into the General Fund and then back into the Power Fund.

Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director

New Well - The new well is on track. It is hoped to be running soon.

Supplies - It has been difficult for the Public Works department to obtain cast iron meter box lids, box risers, pipe, and various other supplies.

New Employee – The new public works employee started on June 7th, 2021. He will be trained in the wastewater side of public works as well as some cross training in other areas.

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 7:49 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 July 8, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:



Lorna Larsen, Chair

9-9-2021

Date

ATTEST:



Esmeralda Salas, Secretary

9/9/21

Date