

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair Lorna Larsen, Leonard McCosh, Dale Nicholls, Kelly Larsen, Chad Parry,

Board Members Excused: Council Liaison Richard Wheeler, Public Works Director Jeff Jensen

Staff Present: Power Superintendent Cory Daniels, Secretary Esmeralda Salas, Community Development Director Bryan Kimball (via telephone)

Others Appearing: Brent Peterson, Josh Peterson, Ashley Peterson, Steven Brandt, Chase Rowley

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, September 9, 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 June 10, 2021, and July 8, 2021 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member McCosh moved to approve the June 10, 2021, and July 8, 2021 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. PIONEERING AGREEMENT WITH BRENT PETERSON

Brent Peterson requested the approval of a Sanitary Sewer Main Line Payback Agreement, also known as a Pioneering Agreement, between himself and Ephraim City.

Board Member Larsen moved to recommend approval of the Pioneering Agreement, with the condition to provide proof of easements, to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member McCosh. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

C. DISCUSSION ABOUT SOLAR SYSTEM BATTERIES AND RESIDENTIAL SYSTEM SIZE

Josh Peterson presented information explaining home energy storage, also known as backup batteries for solar systems. The benefits and safety of backup batteries were presented as well. He inquired about the possibility of the City allowing larger residential solar systems. He offered to use his solar system as a trial to know what the pros and cons for the city would be to allow residential systems larger than 5 KW, as well as backup batteries.

D. ROUGH DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR WATER CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Board members discussed the rough draft ordinance for Water Connections Outside City Limits. There were questions regarding what the “service area” would be. Lorna proposed the discussion continue at the next meeting on September 23, 2021.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Lorna Larsen

Electric Rates – The possibility of a rate increase was discussed.

Chad Parry

Electric vehicles – Board member Parry inquired about charging stations for electric vehicles that may be built in the city. Power Director Cory Daniels informed the board that there are no current plans for a commercial charging station to be built.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

Backup Generators – The power department will be acquiring four emergency generators. Funding for the generators will come from \$150,000 of COVID money received. There will be two diesel powered generators used for City well pumps. The other two generators will be natural gas powered. One will be for the city building and the other for the fire station.

Insulator – The power department fixed an insulator on 200 N 100 E.

Subdivisions – Infrastructure has been put in at new subdivisions in town.

New Employees – The power department recently hired two new employees, Chance Christiansen, and Jaden Tree.

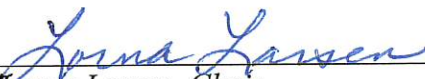
Natural Gas Generator – The power director and city manager have discussed the possibility of purchasing a 1400KW natural gas generator for the city. The generator could be used during peak use hours for the city. It would also aid during power outages.

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 8:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

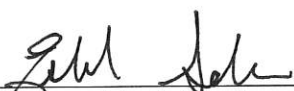
The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on September 23, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:


Lorna Larsen, Chair

3-10-2022
Date

ATTEST:


Esmeralda Salas, Secretary

3/10/22
Date