

**Hurricane City
Water Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2015**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Last, Mac J. Hall, Pam Humphries, Boyd Bradshaw, Ken Richins, Larry Hutchings, Toni Foran, Troy Gubler and Kelby Iverson.

Others Present: Chris Wyler, Bret Beagley, Mac Gibson, Mike Vercimak and Connie Martin.

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Chairman Greg Last called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

Item #2 Review Minutes of November 25th Meeting

There were no required changes to the minutes of the November 25th meeting. Pam motioned to approve the minutes. Mac seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #5 New Business (This item was discussed first so guests could leave early if they wanted)

Chris Wyler was present to discuss the possibility of placing a private well on property inside the City limits. He is planning to build a home along Turf Sod road. He is currently waiting for a ruling from the State Engineer's office to confirm he can use his water rights for the well. He would like to begin construction within the next 30 days. He stated he would eventually build two homes on this property, but only had plans to build one home in the immediate future. Mac asked if any of the property would be used for agricultural purposes. Chris mentioned he would probably use about five acres for agricultural. Ken mentioned the home site is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the nearest city water line. There was a discussion about fire protection. The Board advised Chris he needs to meet with the Fire Chief to make sure he is meeting all the requirements. He was given a copy of the City Ordinance governing private wells. The Board felt that if he met the criteria in the ordinance, they would look favorably upon recommendation to the Council. He was invited to come back to the Water Board once the State has approved his water rights for the well and the other items have been met. Chris was excused at this point.

Bret Beagley was present to discuss a possible trade of his current 2" water connection for a 5/8" connection and a fire hydrant with a connecting fire line. He owns property at 1283 W 650 S. This is a flag lot located behind his father in law's house (Mac Gibson). In the past this 2" line was used for a wash plant. It would be in the City's best interest to discontinue this line as it runs through private property. There was a discussion about where a new meter could be placed. A future road may be placed close to this property. It was discussed that there is approximately 200 ft of distance from the main water line

to where the hydrant needs to be placed. There was a discussion about the 1970 value versus the 2015 value. Ken mentioned there would need to be an 6" line installed to the hydrant. Mike stated he had discussed this issue with Clark and Clark is okay with giving credit for the 5/8" meter but had some reservations about the fire line and hydrant. Mac made the point that the City has benefited in the past from situations similar to this and should give the same consideration to its customers. Kelby motioned to figure the cost for installation and if the figures are less than the current cost of a 2" connection and impact fee, the Board would recommend the trade to the Council. Larry 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Bret and Mac Gibson were excused at this point and Kelby also asked to be excused for another commitment.

Item #3 Report on the Sustainable Water Workshop

Toni explained the concept learned at the workshop she, Pam and Connie attended a few months ago. They learned of a water model currently being used in Irvine California as well as other cities in California, Colorado and Arizona. The idea is to reward customers who conserve water and penalize customers who waste water. Each household would be given water credits for how many people lived in their house and the size of their irrigated space. Those who stay within their water budget would benefit by paying the lowest cost for water. Those who did not stay within their budget would see a sharp increase in the amount they would pay for water. Toni gave some examples of how the billing would work. There was a discussion about what it would cost to implement and how it would be implemented. A new billing system would have to be put in place. The Board was interested in the information and indicated it should not be forgotten, but felt it would not be feasible to put in place at this time.

Item #4 Report on the System

Ken reported on the West Well. The development process is complete. The new sand separator tank and pump station are still in the design stage. It is possible to use the well right now, but the volume will need to be regulated so as to not bring in too much sand.

There was a discussion about the bowls. Ken stated the same number of bowls will be put back into the well as what was taken out. Mike explained that in the future the pump will need to be pulled at least once per year for inspection maintenance and the bowl situation can be reassessed then.

There was a discussion about snow pack and the drought situation. Everyone talked about praying for rain. The snow pack is significantly lower than needed for spring runoff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.