

**Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Last, Mac J. Hall, Pam Humphries, Larry Hutchings, Ken Richins, John Slack and Toni Foran.

Others Present: Mike Vercimak, Norean Ball and Connie Martin

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Chairman Greg Last called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, John Slack offered prayer.

Item #2 Review Minutes of January 26th

There were no required corrections to the minutes of January 26, 2016. Mac moved to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Review account of Beverly Curtis for possible adjustment

Beverly Curtis was not present to discuss this request for an adjustment. No action was taken.

Item #4 Review account of Norean Ball for possible adjustment

Norean Ball of 482 N 2610 W was present to explain how she was notified by the utility office that she had a leak alarm. She investigated and could not find an obvious leak. Finally she noticed a wet spot by the meter box. She called her Home Teacher for help. Tom Kuhlman came over and dug it up. He discovered a large amount of water running down the electrical conduit. He capped the line and will come back to reroute it for a permanent fix. The excess usage was billed over two billing periods amounting to a total of \$963.14. After a lengthy discussion about the situation and the fact that Norean is a widow living on a fixed income and she made every effort to fix the leak promptly, Mac motioned to give her a 75% reduction in the bill. Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #5 Discuss Hydrant Meter Non –Compliance Issues

Connie led a discussion regarding some issues she has been having with customers who rent hydrant meters. Several customers are consistently late in giving the meter reading each month. She has to make several phone calls to these customers to get the reading and sometimes she is unable to get the reading at all. According to the hydrant meter rental contract, if readings are not called in by the 10th of the month, a penalty of \$120.00 will be applied to the account. Once these penalties are applied, the customer will call and ask for an adjustment of the penalty. The Board was not favorable to making any adjustments. If a reading is not called in by the 10th, a penalty will be applied with no adjustment.

Item #6 Report on System

Ken reported that the West Well Sand Trap and Tank is almost complete. It should be ready to go online at the end of March. The project is looking good. Since our last Water Board meeting, Ken has been investigating the possibility of building a new water tank in the Dixie Springs area located behind the Scott Nielsen home. Initially, the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) was not favorable to this tank. In the past few weeks, the WCWCD has decided this could be a joint venture and costs could be shared. The tank could benefit both the City and the WCWCD. Ken met with Lorin Lowe to discuss an easement across his property for a tank site and a transmission line. The meeting went well and Lorin was not opposed to the proposal. Ron Thompson of the WCWCD will work with the Elim Valley Group to obtain the necessary easements. Originally the access road was planned to be 16' wide, but Ron wants a regular size graded road. Greg asked about the water service to the Dixie Springs area. Ken explained it is purchased from the WCWCD. There was a brief discussion about the South Fields tank. Both tanks are on the radar for construction about the same time.

Item #7 New Business

Toni asked the Board if they were willing to pay the Ballard Family for the price of two water connection/impact fees that were paid for years ago but never used. Clark would like to refund these two connection/impact fees if the Water Board is agreeable. There were no objections. Toni will take this back to Clark.

Mac reviewed the situation with Frog Hollow Dam. Originally the dam was built to protect the agricultural area in the South Fields. With the development of housing, it has been determined that the dam is not sufficient to protect life and property. The Canal Company and the City need to decide if the dam should be breached or reinforced. It could cost close to \$300,000.00 to reinforce it. If it is breached, there is a chance of massive flooding from a hundred year storm. It was suggested the wash could be reinforced and the dam could be breached. The National Range Conservation Service (NRCS) has verbally indicated they could help with 65% of the financing for reinforcing the dam. Mike suggested having the City Council and Canal Board have a work meeting to see what they would like to do. He suggested having the City Attorney present. The Board wanted a copy of the study that was made by the State Dam Safety Board. Mac will get a copy to Connie and she can distribute it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm