

**Hurricane City Water Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2016**

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

**Others Present:** Mayor John Bramall, Mike Vercimak, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson, Connie Martin

**Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer**

Chairman Greg Last called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Bramall offered prayer.

**Item #2 Review Minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Mac had one correction to the minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Paragraph #5, Line one, should read "Ken reported on 40 acre feet of water rights". Mac motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. John Slack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Item #3 Discuss Possible Waiver of Irrigation Connection Fee**

Steve Johnson of 1058 N Main was present to request a waiver of the irrigation fee for his property. He is the fourth owner of this house and the irrigation connection was already made when he moved in. He noticed he was not getting billed for irrigation and talked to Michelle in the billing office about this. He was informed that a connection fee was never paid and the irrigation was connected illegally. His home is located in the Sage Pointe subdivision where the irrigation service lines were installed at the time it was developed. In this situation, the developer installs the irrigation lines so the connection fee is \$400.00. This is due from the home owner when the irrigation is connected. Michelle and Connie have both researched to see if the \$400.00 was ever paid by any of the homeowners. Nothing was found. Steve was under the impression that this fee was paid by the contractor who built the home. Ken stated he would do some further investigation and asked for this item to be tabled until next month. Steve agreed to come back next month.

**Item #4 Discuss Water Rate Structure**

Ken led a discussion about the projects that are coming up that could cost an estimated \$3,000,000.00 (Three Million). If this cost is bonded, it could cost over \$200,000.00 per year to repay over 20 years. He suggested there might need to be a rate increase to cover this needed expense. Mayor Bramall mentioned that the mayors in Washington County estimated they spend approximately 25% of their revenue each year on improvements. Ken also mentioned that the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) would like to raise the wholesale rate of water to .94 per thousand gallons. This would impact the water served to the Dixie Springs area. Ken suggested a separate rate structure for any area within the City limits that is served by the WCWCD and billed to the City. Discussion followed.

Connie mentioned it is time to review the annual 2% rate increase that is due for August 1<sup>st</sup>. After a brief discussion, Larry motioned to implement the annual 2% increase to take effect on August first. Toni seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative except Mac J. Hall who voted no. Motion passed.

**Item #5            Report on system**

Ken reported the West Well is up and running. So far everything looks good. Engineering on the South Fields Tank and Sky Ranch transmission line has commenced. There are still ongoing discussions with the WCWCD regarding the second Dixie Springs tank. Ken stated that his last discussion with Ron Thompson was favorable for the WCWCD to pay for this tank. There was a discussion about coordinating the two new tanks to save money on engineering and mobilization.

**Item #6            Report on Frog Hollow Dam and Canal Company Pipeline**

Mac reported on the Frog Hollow Dam. He hasn't heard anything yet from the Dam Safety People. The Mayor mentioned he has received a letter from them with another proposal to consider. He did not share what that was.

**Item #7            New Business**

Ken mentioned there had been discussion for consideration for a livestock water rate. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this item until some more research could be done.

Mayor Bramall mentioned he has been in discussion with Kent and Joe Knudsen and Gordon Zitting about the development of the Copper Rock Golf Course and subdivision located south and west of Sky Ranch. They own about 900 acres. They have stated that about 2,000 units have been approved by the County and they would eventually like to be annexed into the City. They are willing to develop in accordance with City Standards. Toni said she has been in touch with the County Planning Director and the approval they had with the County is expired. After a brief discussion, the Board stated they would like to see this area annexed before it is developed so City inspectors can make sure development is up to City standards. It was mentioned they have 500 acre feet of water that could be deeded to the City.

Mayor Bramall talked about an investor, Robert Roche who is willing to invest around 60 million dollars into developing the Sand Hollow area according to the existing agreement with the City. He wanted to know if water is available. The Board confirmed there is water available, but plans need to be submitted and approved before commitment can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.