

**Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2016**

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

Others Present: Mike Vercimak, Steve Johnson, Clark Fawcett and Connie Martin

Item #1 Call To Order, Prayer

Dr. Last called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and offered prayer.

Item #2 Review Minutes of May 31st Meeting

Mac had a few minor changes to the minutes of the May 31st meeting. He motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. Toni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Discuss Possible Waiver for Irrigation Connection Fee

Steve Johnson was present to request a waiver of the irrigation connection fee that was discussed in the last meeting. Ken has met with Michelle in the billing office. She felt it would set a bad precedent to allow the fee to be waived. Mac felt that Steve should be given a break for coming forward and being honest but he did not want to waive the fee because Steve is a City employee. He suggested that the Board waive at least ½ of the fee. Steve feels he has been caught in the middle and the former owner should have paid for the connection fee. He was not notified at the time he purchased the home. John felt a more reduced fee should be given. He motioned to give the connection for \$100.00. Mac seconded the motion. All voted in favor except Ken who voted nay. Motion passed.

Item #4 Discuss Willowind Water Meter

Ken led a discussion about a request from the Willowind RV Park to add 12 additional spaces to their RV Park. This would mean that an additional 1" meter would need to be installed to service these new spaces. Ken asked the Board if they were agreeable to allowing the Willowind RV Park to install a 1" meter to service 12 new rental spaces. The standard has been a 2" meter for 25 spaces so this fits the standard. After some discussion and a question about fire flow, the Board agreed to allow a 1" meter to service 12 new rental spaces.

Item #5 Discuss Water Department Budget

Clark was present to discuss the Water Department budget. He provided some information from the bank regarding a proposed \$3,000,000.00 bond that needs to be issued to fund some capital improvement projects. He showed the difference in borrowing for 15 years versus 20 years. The 15 year

option would save ½ of the interest. He discussed the state of the budget and whether or not the payment could be made. With the 2% increase in rates that was just approved, it looks like the payment can be made. There was discussion about setting up a special rate for the Dixie Springs area since the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) will be raising their price per thousand gallons to .94. Clark feels there could be a political backlash. Mike agreed to consult with the Council to get their feelings on the matter. Clark also provided a six year sales, profit & loss and cash flow statement. There was a discussion about cutting back on some of the capital projects and where the new increased impact fee proposed in a current impact fee study will help.

Item #6 System Update

Ken reported the West Well is up and running and the project is finished. The City should be getting a final bill. The sand trap was tested and seems to be working fine. He reported the 870 S 180 W project to replace the old transite line has been delayed but Interstate Rock will invoice the City before the end of June so it can be paid with this year's budget. Board members questioned whether the contract will ensure the work is done before too long.

Ken reported on the status of the springs. He said both springs are way down. Toquerville is pumping about 470 gpm and Ash Creek is pumping about 1400 gpm. The water crew is working to plug as many holes as possible. If the drought keeps up, the City will need to purchase water from the WCWCD. Mac mentioned the WCWCD has asked the Canal Company to cut back on the amount of water provided to the irrigators. They have also put out a water right call on the Virgin River to rights later than 1900. Ken mentioned he is concerned about the pumping capacity to bring water from the WCWCD in a drought situation and the City needs to think about how to increase the capacity in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm