

**Hurricane City Water Board
Minutes
July 26, 2016**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Last, Toni Foran, Mac J. Hall, Ken Richins, Pam Humphries, Clay Campbell and Kelby Iverson.

Others Present: Mike Vercimak, Kylynn Iverson and Connie Martin

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

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

Item #2 Review Minutes of June 28th Meeting

There were no required corrections. Toni motioned to approve the minutes of June 28, 2016. Mac seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Clay Campbell was welcomed to the Board as the new Street Superintendent.

Item #6 New Business

This item was moved to the first so Kylynn Iverson could be excused. Kylynn was present to request a letter from the City to confirm an old water meter found on his property was installed before the pooling agreement with the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD). Connie stated research has been done and there was no evidence of a connection fee or impact ever being paid. Toni is still researching but has not had enough time to research every name of every owner of this property located at 1850 S 292 W in the Angell Heights subdivision. If a letter can be provided by the City, the WCWCD will waive the impact fee of approximately \$7,000. Mac said he would feel more comfortable if some evidence could be found that a connection and impact fee has been paid in the past. He motioned to continue research of the connection and impact fees for this property. If evidence can be found, a letter can be written for the WCWCD. If not, Kylynn will need to come back to the Board next month. Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kylynn was excused.

Item #3 Report on System

Ken reported the springs are still low, but water is being purchased from the WCWCD to make up the difference. Toquerville Springs is running between 450 and 500 gpm. Ash Creek is running at about 1400 gpm. The West Well is running at about 1,000 gpm.

He stated Mayor Bramall asked the Board to discuss three items.

1- Water conservation practices and how they are working.

Ken reported on the conservation efforts of the City. He feels we are making progress. We have a good Conservation Plan in place which was updated in 2014. The total water use has gradually decreased over the past five years and growth has steadily increased. This is a significant achievement. Several Board members expressed their views and observations within the community. The general attitude of the citizens is more conservation oriented. A bigger percentage of new construction is putting in low water use landscaping. The public is more aware of time of day watering and directing their sprinklers to not run down the gutter. Quarterly reminders are put out in the newsletters.

2- How much water are we using from the District?

Ken reported we are purchasing about 11% of our culinary water from the District.

3- Are our systems in full working order?

Ken reported the system is in full working order. There was a discussion about the West Well. Ken reported the sand problem seems to be handled. There has only been one complaint. It is suspected there was some residual sand in the line.

Ken reported on the progress of the 1500 South tank. The access road has been completed and the soils test was taken today. The tank should be finished in April. This will be a 2 million gallon tank.

Toni asked about the Dixie Springs tank. The WCWCD will build the tank and it will belong to the City. An agreement is still being negotiated.

Item #4 Discuss 2016-2017 Approved Budget

Ken provided each Board member with a copy of the Water and Irrigation approved budget. He asked if anyone had questions about the budget. He shared his insight regarding the depreciation fund. The percentage to be put into the depreciation has increased dramatically from last year to this year. With the addition of several new subdivisions and new growth in general, it was recommended by the auditors to put more money away for depreciation to cover the new infrastructure.

Toni asked about the bond to cover capital projects. Mike talked about the current project of building the 1500 south tank. Once the job is bid, the City can apply for the bond.

Pam asked about the Rainy Day fund and the Water Right fund. Ken explained that these funds are transferred at the end of the budget year if there is any money left over.

Mac liked the idea of going over the budget with the Board and suggested a budget discussion should be had periodically to help the Board understand what is happening with the budget. Pam suggested at least quarterly.

Dr. Last asked about the electronic meters budget. Ken explained this is the money used to replace bad meters, purchase new meters for new construction and deal with battery issues with meters.

Item #5 Discuss Culinary and Secondary Water Rates

Mac expressed his concern that there is not enough money coming in to cover all the projects that need to be done. He suggested doing another rate study to see if the rates need to be increased. There was a discussion about the higher fee being charged from the WCWCD for any culinary water served to the City, especially in the Dixie Springs area. They are charging .94 cents per thousand gallons and the City is charging their customers .84 per thousand on the bottom tier. There was a discussion about having different rates in some areas to cover the cost of delivery. There was a discussion about the irrigation system, where property owners are paying a connection fee but nothing to cover the cost of acquiring more water to put in the system. The connection and monthly fees are not enough to maintain the system. This needs to be looked at. There was a discussion about leak detection. Ken mentioned he has just hired a new employee who will be doing a lot more leak detection. Mac asked the Board to think about a rate study, whether it be in house or hired out. He recommended they consider the value of a consultant for credibility when a study is completed.

Item # 6 (Cont.) New Business

Kelby asked if he could haul water from Hurricane to another area. No one knew of any restrictions to this, as long as he is paying for the water.

Connie asked about the Water Board structure. After a discussion, it was agreed to leave the structure as it is. Any new member will be appointed by the Mayor once someone's tenure runs out as outlined in the ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm