

**Hurricane City Water Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2017**

**Members Present:** Chairman Dr. Greg Last, Mac J. Hall, Ken Richins and Troy Gubler.

**Others Present:** Mike Vercimak and Connie Martin

**Item # 1 Call to Order, Prayer, Review Minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Chairman Greg Last called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Ken offered prayer. There were no required corrections to the minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>. Troy motioned to approve the minutes, Mac seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Item #2 Discuss Rate Increase for Wholesale Water From WCWCD**

Ken led a discussion regarding the proposed rate increase for wholesale water from the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD). They are proposing to increase the price of water by ten cents per thousand gallons from 94 cents to 1.04 cents. It is assumed they will put this into effect July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 at the WCWCD office. The City Council has recently approved a ten cent rate increase for residents of the Sand Hollow Basin which went into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. It is anticipated another 10 cent increase will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> to compensate for the rate increase imposed by the WCWCD. Mac said the Board needs to consider that eventually the whole city may need an increase in rate. Greg suggested researching the fees in other desert cities, like Phoenix, to see how our rates compare.

**Item #3 System Update**

Ken reported the water rights purchase from Russell Limb is going forward. He received a letter from the State Engineer stating the water could be moved into the underground well system. Local Water Attorney Roger Sanders is working out the details for a deed. It will cost the City \$41,000.00 for this new right, which includes half the legal fees.

Ken reported the Dixie Springs tank project has had some movement. The appraisal for the tank site and road is moving forward.

Ken reported on the progress of the South Fields Tank and water lines. They are just about ready to pour the roof. They are on the last leg of the water line, crossing 700 West at 1500 South. There was a discussion about moving the gas line.

Ken reported the Stratton Well is back up. The West Well is up and running and the springs seem to be doing well.

**Item #4          Review Budget**

Ken went over the new budget proposal and talked about projects he would like to complete this coming budget year. There is a 2" waterline along 2200 W from State into Santa Fe Hills. There have been many major problems with this line and it needs to be replaced with an 8" main line. The new line will also help with looping. It will tie in at the meter in front of Cimмерon Terrace. Ken also talked about purchasing one new truck, a spare pump for the wells and the backhoe lease.

**Item #5          New Business**

Mike provided a map of the fair grounds and explained the County is building a new display building and needs to install a new water line. They would also like to extend the water line to the shooting range which is outside the City limits. Mike researched the ordinance for providing service outside the City limits and it is permissible to provide service to a government entity. The City would like the County to dedicate the road to the City. This is still under discussion with the County Commission.

Ken is concerned that the 8" line would not provide enough fire flow at the distance they are proposing. There was a discussion about making an agreement with the County including a clause which states any water served outside the City limits would be the first to be discontinued in a water shortage.

Mac motioned to recommend allowing water service to the County, outside the City limits. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.