

**Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2017**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Last, Mac J. Hall, Ken Richins, John Slack, Clay Campbell, Pam Humphries, Troy Gubler and Kelby Iverson.

Others Present: Mike Vercimak and Connie Martin.

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Mac J. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Ken offered prayer. Chairman Greg Last arrived at 6:45 pm.

Item #2 Review Minutes of April 25, 2017.

There were no required corrections to the minutes of April 25th. Troy motioned to approve the minutes, Toni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Frog Hollow Dam Update

Mac reported he and the NRCS have met with the City and the Canal Company consecutively to discuss the Frog Hollow Dam. After some discussion with the City officials, it was proposed that the City take the lead. Clark has stated the City would take the dam as it is and apply to have the dam rated as a high hazard dam with the State. This would qualify the dam for a 95% match in funds for repair. As it stands right now, it only qualifies for a 65% match in funds from the State. It is currently rated as a moderate hazard dam. With the additional building downstream, it should now qualify as a high hazard dam. The Canal Company is agreeable to the proposal. The dam comes with 80 acres of land and 1000 acre feet of water rights. Mac stated the water rights are currently listed as storage rights. Mac felt the City could protect these rights for future use. The Canal Company would be willing to relinquish their rights to the dam, property and water rights. There was a discussion about what steps need to be taken next. Mike will take a proposal to the Council and Mac will contact the city attorney Fay Reber to draw up a proposal.

Item #4 Discuss Drainage Behind Church Located at 1173 S 700 W

Mac led a discussion about some drainage issues behind the church located at approximately 1173 S 700 W. There is a question about who is responsible for the water undermining the block wall behind the church. In the past Mr. Reeve altered the drainage ditch causing the wall to lean. The City put in a pipe to assist the drainage into the canal system. There has been an issue about who owns this pipe. Clay stated that whoever discharges water into this pipe should be responsible. Mac went on record to confirm the Canal Company is not responsible for discharge. Mike went on record to confirm the City is

not responsible for discharge either. Discharge is the responsibility of the irrigator. The pipe runs across Jason Campbell's property but there is no right of way in place. Jason has indicated that he is willing to cooperate with any maintenance to the line with prior notification. Clay mentioned that technically, Jason could remove the pipe if he wants to because there is no easement.

Mac also mentioned an irrigation line running along 1530 West from 400 South to 650 South that has never been accepted by the Canal Company. Clay asked if the Canal Company or the City could ever be held responsible for damage caused by irrigation. Mike stated that any homeowner has the right to sue the irrigator in civil court for any damage done. The Canal Company and the City are not responsible for irrigation damage.

Item #5 Discuss Water Service To Moccasin Flats Subdivision

Toni led a discussion about water service to the Moccasin Flats Subdivision (formerly Avanyu) located near Sky Ranch. This is a proposed 21 lot subdivision, each lot approximately 20 acres in size. The Washington County Water Conservancy District WCWCD has agreed to serve culinary water to this area, even though it is inside the City limits. The City does not currently have a line large enough or a water tank to serve this area. Toni explained her concern that the City will not get impact fees or water sales money from these lots if it is served by the WCWCD. Ken stated the water line has been upsized to serve the Copper Rock subdivision to the west, which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away. He mentioned the new fire codes to allow 600 feet to the nearest hydrant. The fire district has indicated they will go along with whatever the City standards are. He said that eventually there will be a 12 inch ductile iron pipe and a tank in place to serve this area and it did not seem to make sense to require the developer to run an oversize line that far for 21 lots. Pam asked about the possibility of future subdividing. Mike said this is always a possibility. There was a discussion about water rates for this area. If the WCWCD serves them they will be billed by the WCWCD at a much higher rate than the City.

Item #6 System Update

Ken reported on the progress of the South Fields tank. The roof has been poured. Once the concrete has been tested, the scaffolding can be removed from the inside of the tank. The water line has been pressure tested and sampled. Once the samples come back clean, it can be used. Next week the sewer line will be started. They will need to wait for the gas company to move the gas line before their line can be completed. Ken felt the project is going well.

Ken reported on the progress with the Dixie Springs tank. He has a phone conference with Lorin Lowe tomorrow to work out some minor issues. Western Mortgage has agreed to allow the dirt work to start. We are still waiting for the appraisal. Arthur LeBaron has arranged for a grant to pay for the easement.

Ken reported on the Stratton Well #1. When the pump was out for repair, the pump company ran a camera down the shaft. They noticed a lot of calcification. They wanted to do an acid wash to clean it out at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00. This money was not in the current budget. Ken talked with Clark

about adding it to the next budget so that when the pump is pulled for maintenance after this season, the shaft can be cleaned. There seems to be a lot of hard water in this well. Ken said he has been researching and understands the calcification should be cleaned regularly. It will just get worse.

Item #7 Budget Review

Ken provided a copy of the current budget for review. He asked if there were any questions. No one had any questions. There was a discussion about the rate increase from the WCWCD that will go into effect on July first. They are raising their rates by ten cents per thousand gallons across the board for wholesale water. There was a question about whether or not the City could automatically raise the rates in the Sand Hollow Basin. Connie will review the resolution recently passed by the City Council to see if we can put the new increase into effect immediately or if we need to bring it back to this board next month. Troy asked about the hydrant testing that has been going on and how it is affecting the pressure. Ken said it should not affect the pressure at all though he has discussed training the Fire District personnel on their procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.