

**Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2019**

Members Present: Chairman Greg Last, Mac J. Hall, Ken Richins, Pam Humphries, Mike Vercimak, John Slack and Kelby Iverson.

Others Present: Connie Martin

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Chairman Greg Last had not arrived yet, so Mac J called the meeting to order and John offered prayer.

Item #2 Review Minutes of June 25th Meeting

Chairman Greg Last arrived and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 25th. Pam motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Discuss Rates for Multiple Units

Ken led a discussion about base rates for multiple unit housing, including apartments. This would include any development which serves more than one residential unit by a single water meter. The term for each residential unit is ERC (Equivalent Residential Connection). Currently, the City charges a base water rate for each multi-unit location based on the following formula.

1" Meter will serve 12 residents = \$34.26
1.5" Meter will serve 18 residents = \$75.33
2" Meter will serve 25 residents = \$146.48

If a multi-unit development has 100 units, that is divided by 25 to see how many 2" meter charges need to be made. In this case, 100/25 equals 4. So the base rate is calculated by the price of four 2" meters, or $\$146.48 \times 4 = \585.92 .

Using this formula, it has been discovered that each ERC is paying a different amount. Ken would like to see more equality. He asked Connie to explain the research she has been working on. Connie provided 4 different charts to show what the base rates would be if each ERC was charged 16.50 like any other Hurricane resident, or 8.25 which is one half of any other resident, or 5.50 which is one third of any other resident. One chart showed what each ERC is paying at the current rate.

Ken then shared some information he has been researching from other Utah communities. Some communities charge by the ERC and some charge by the meter size. There was a lengthy discussion about how to figure the base rates for multi-units and make it more equitable. One philosophy is to

strictly charge by the meter size. The other opinion would be to come up with a fair ERC price and figure the base rate on the number of ERCs per development. One argument against that philosophy would be the time and accuracy it would take to keep track of all the units, since they are so transient. One opinion was to charge for each unit, whether it is occupied or not. The City currently charges a regular resident for meters that are inactive. This ensures the income necessary to make sure water is available.

Ken asked the Board to think about what was discussed and come back next month with some ideas of how to move forward. Connie discovered some inconsistencies in the currently billing of base rates for multi-units. She will work with Clark and Michelle to get these corrected.

Item #4 Report on System

Ken reported that the Stratton Well #1 is up and running. He is using the old pump for now. When the demand is reduced, the new pump will be installed. It is putting out about 500 gpm.

The Dixie Springs tank is in use, but it is hard to keep the water level consistent. Ken stated that he is planning to drill a new well next to the tank and this will help even out the water levels.

Item #5 New Business

There was no new business. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.