

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY WATER BOARD**

2
3 Tuesday, February 14, 2006
4 6:30 a.m.
5 Council Room
6 50 South Main
7 Springville, Utah 84663
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10 **ATTENDANCE**

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12 Councilmember Secretary
13 J. Niel Strong Marcie Clark
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15 Board Members City Staff
16 Alton Beck Brad Stapley
17 Lynn Panter Russell Vest
18 Gordon Wilson – excused Layne Long
19 Nile Hatch
20 Steve Oakey
21 Calvin Crandall
22 Rick Child - absent
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- 24 1. **Welcome and Review of Minutes** – the minutes from January 10, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Nile Hatch
25 asked to clarify line 15 of page 2 – add “without other supplemental programs.” Alton Beck made a
26 motion to approve the amended minutes. Steve Oakey seconded. All were in favor.
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28 2. **Reports from staff** - Mr. Vest reported that the 10th S Well is being updated with automated flow control
29 valves. The water department is just waiting on the light department to do their part.
30 Brad Stapley distributed his report and reviewed it for the group. Layne Long is working with neighbors
31 on the design of the Canyon Road Well House. The Evergreen Well is ready to go in case of an emergency
32 at 420 gpm. It has a variable speed pump on it that will not exceed 420 gpm.
33 Mr. Stapley talked about the Water Conservation Plan, stating the last one was very lacking in content, but
34 this next one should be much better. There was some discussion on the Regional Sewer Treatment Plant.
35 Cl. Strong attends the SUVMWA meetings. He reported there has been a big turnover with the
36 representatives from other cities and they will need to re-educate the board. It doesn’t really make sense
37 for Springville City to be a part of that when it will be cheaper to upgrade our own plant. If we can get
38 federal funds to help pay for it, then it might be a good alternative.
39 Cl. Strong asked what the secondary water impact fees are going to be used for. Mr. Stapley said they can
40 be used anywhere in the community, not just the West Fields.
41 Mr. Stapley reported the Treatment Plant Study should be done in a month and then Aqua Engineering will
42 give the city recommendations to take to council. There was discussion on the feasibility of using
43 treatment plant water for secondary irrigation. The water would be acceptable to use, but the cost to pump
44 it back to those that need it would be high. There is also an issue of losing our water shares to lack of
45 beneficial use if we start using re-use water. Mr. Stapley also reported the Storm Water Master Plan is
46 close of being done.
47 David Allen prepared a spreadsheet on water usage. The two new council members and new mayor aren’t
48 sold on the new rate structure. Cl. Strong explained that they aren’t necessarily opposed to it, they just
49 need to understand it and need education on it. After reviewing the spreadsheet, it appeared there was no
50 consistency to the table numbers. Mr. Beck stated we have a problem with beneficial use vs. conservation
51 use. We’re sending a mixed message to residents. We need to use the water or we’ll lose it, but don’t use
52 too much. Cl. Strong wants to leave the water rate structure the way it is for now.
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1 There is no change in the status of Canyon Water users. We removed the double charge after determining
2 there is no extra cost to the city to read those master meters. We're just letting it go. The city does not
3 want to adopt any of those systems in the canyon.
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5 The question was posed of *What do we want to do to promote conservation?* Cl. Burt suggested changing
6 the code on plantings. It seems the wider plant strips required now go against water conservation. Mr.
7 Beck said we need to educate the public. The wider plant strips are more pleasing to the eye. We don't
8 want our community to look like Las Vegas with wall to wall concrete. Cl. Strong mentioned education
9 has many levels, from educating grade school kids to sending out packets to community to coupons for
10 sensible landscaping. Mr. Stapley stated we need to alleviate summer usage demand. Water is a
11 commodity and the city sells water. He would like to see four years of warm summers to make people use
12 water to increase our revenues so we can afford to pay for all the water projects coming up and not have to
13 bond for them. Cl. Strong said we still need to be conservation-minded though, because it is the right thing
14 to do. That is why Nestle uses re-use water to irrigate their landscaping. It would cost them the same
15 amount to use culinary water, but they do it because it is the right thing to do. Mr. Oakey agreed that we
16 have to learn to conserve. Cl. Strong would like to look up various web sites and their conservation
17 programs next month. We ran out of time to do it in this meeting.
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19 Mr. Hatch mentioned that people don't have a sense for what we have and don't have. The citizens need to
20 be educated on this, because right now they just see bills. Mr. Hatch suggested the use of landscape
21 coupons to encourage drought tolerant plants. Mr. Long mentioned that the city newsletter will be
22 expanded to address some of that education needed for the residents. Mr. Beck mentioned that the Daily
23 Herald has a snippet of information on cities and Springville never has anything in there – we're missing
24 the boat by not putting information there.
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26 *Adjourn* – This meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.