

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

2
3 Tuesday, April 18, 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 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 February 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Steve
25 Oakey made a motion to approve, Alton Beck seconded. All were in favor (Brad Stapley and Layne Long
26 were not in the meeting at that time).
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28 2. Cl. Strong reported that Mayor Mangum wants us to look at adjusting the water rates. Cl. Strong thinks
29 they should stay where they are. Nile Hatch commented that the snow in the mountains doesn't change
30 whether or not we have the lines to get water to the taps. We need that money for the infrastructure. Alton
31 Beck made a motion that the rate structure should stay the same. Gordon Wilson seconded. All were in
32 favor (Brad Stapley and Layne Long were not in the meeting at that time).
33 Cl. Strong does not think Conservation Plans are high priority right now. Cal Crandall expressed that is
34 needs to be part of the plan, but not the only plan. Gordon Wilson stated our focus should be doing the
35 right thing. Cl. Strong mentioned that we have a directive from the state to conserve, but the State Water
36 Engineer needs to decide how he's going to enforce the "use it or lose it" policy. Alton Beck asked about
37 how much the pipes factor into water conservation. Russell Vest replied that the city contracts with a leak
38 detection company every year and only seven leaks were found last year. Plat A is the worst area for old
39 pipes.
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41 3. **Reports from staff** - The 10th S Well is ready to go if we need it.
42 Cl. Strong stated the city is committed to putting a new line down 400 S to help pressure in Evergreen area,
43 along with a new tank in the north end of town. The impact fees are coming in. The wells were only used
44 last year due to the low pressure in some areas. Steve Oakey asked if the city has ever looked at the
45 pumping costs to solve the Evergreen pressure problems, and would tapping into Mapleton water be a more
46 cost effective option? Mr. Stapley will look into the cost of pumping (electrical fees).
47 Mr. Stapley reported that Plat A irrigation fees were raised by council last week in city council meeting.
48 Mr. Crandall mentioned that Strawberry Water User fees went down. The \$23 base rate went away last
49 year and it's now \$1.80 per acre foot, because the bond is paid off after this year. Mr. Stapley said the city
50 was not aware of that change. He told Mr. Crandall the city needs something from the Irrigation Company
51 saying they changed the fees. Cl. Strong said we can pass that savings on to Plat A users.
52 Mr. Stapley went on to report that the Impact Fee Study involved taking the Capital Improvement Plan and
53 going through each project and assigning it a year. It's a balancing act to pay for things that are existing
54 deficiencies and things that are due to future growth. Bond vs. Impact Fee. Mr. Oakey commented that as

1 citizens, we are being overburdened now to pay for growth. Mr. Stapley explained that we are paying for
2 poor planning in the past. A lot of our growth was tying into existing lines that are now too small.

3 Cl. Strong stated that the city is facing about \$40 million of debt right now. Our debt load is about \$162
4 per person. Total debt is down from what it has been. Our per capita is growing faster than our debt.
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6 Cl. Strong would like to have a procedure change. When we come to this meeting, we need to bring solid
7 issues to the table to better spend our time. He asked the group if we need a monthly meeting or every
8 other month? It may be a good idea to send out documents to review before they go to council. We have
9 so many issues we need to bond for, the council could use the water board to help council decide. We
10 don't need to raise fees. Mr. Crandall asked if the water board has a say in Storm Water, Waste Water,
11 Culinary, Secondary? Cl. Strong stated that anything that has water, the water board should be involved
12 in. Mr. Beck asked about the possibility of getting more board members. We don't have anyone to
13 represent the NW part of town. Cl. Strong stated Springville City has 15 boards, Spanish Fork has 6, and
14 Provo has 15. The city council is looking at all the boards and their purpose and/or need to continue. Mr.
15 Panter mentioned that the Wastewater Study is almost done, but the water board hasn't even seen it.
16 Sometimes we come in too late on projects and we play "catch up". Mr. Beck didn't even remember
17 hearing about that project. Mr. Panter suggested having Aqua Engineering present it to the water board.

18 Layne Long stated that the city used to have a Utility Board, then it was separated to Water and Electric
19 Board. Nobody has ever really addressed Sewer. Cl. Strong said if it relates to sewer, we should be
20 involved. Impact fees will go to council on May 16th. Layne Long said we should have another water
21 board meeting in May before then. Cl. Strong asked Marcie Clark to give water board members a "heads
22 up" on meetings or documents where board members can be more involved. The Water Master Plan
23 should be ready to review in the May 9th meeting.

24 Mr. Oakey would like to see a mission statement or guidelines to focus on from the council or mayor. Mr.
25 Crandall reminded the board that the Stormwater agreement deadline is June 1st.
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27 *Adjourn* – This meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.