MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY WATER BOARD

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
6:30 a.m.
110 S Main Street
Springville, Utah 84663

ATTENDANCE

Councilmember
J. Niel Strong

Secretary
Marcie Clark

Board Members
Alton Beck
Lynn Panter
Nile Hatch
Calvin Crandall
Rick Child
Rollin Hotchkiss

City Staff
Brad Stapley – Public Works Director
Shawn Barker – Water Superintendent-excused

Review of Minutes – the minutes from October 11, 2011 were reviewed. Mr. Panter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hatch seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Mr. Stapley gave a review of the Multi-County Power Outage last Wednesday. He distributed a summary, including facts, results, and possible mitigation measures for the problem at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We are not sure if the problem was lack of training or equipment failure. We’re looking at automated valves and moving the generator from the 1500 W Pump Station to the Plant.

1. The annual meeting schedule of the Water Advisory Board was presented to the board. No changes were made. Mr. Panter motioned, Mr. Child seconded. The schedule was approved as written.

2. Mr. Hotchkiss presented a Recognition Plaque for Cl. Strong, thanking him for his eight years of service.

3. Mr. Hotchkiss summarized the reason we formed a subcommittee for the Canyon Water Users. He explained the issue with the e-coli last year in the left fork of Hobble Creek Canyon and the need for a chlorination station. The committee has met twice. Their stance right now is that they should not have to pay a penny more than other residents. We meet again next week. They don’t even want to consider cost sharing. Mr. Stapley explained that he went into the meeting solid that they should pay for it. After listening to their reasoning, he started to hedge. After Mr. Stapley talked to Administrator Fitzgerald and Attorney Penrod, he hedged even more. We might be able to justify it if they were at the back of the water system. But they’re at the front of the system, and their use of water is miniscule. They could go away, and we wouldn’t even feel it in our system. Mr. Stapley can’t justify the extra cost of supplying them water. Mr. Hotchkiss explained that the $10.00 base rate helps pay for the system. The water rate helps to cover other things, including monies for the general fund, from which they don’t benefit. If Mr. Stapley had to stand in front of the city council today, he would recommend that we don’t raise their rates. Mr. Hatch brought up the principal of cost plus pricing. Costs should not be the basis for setting a price. He gave the analogy of insurance. We all pool together and accept the risk. The board would like to review those minutes. Ms. Clark will send those out via email.

3. Years ago, the State delivered a mandate that we need to be more conservative with our water consumption. We had to come up with a Water Conservation Plan. We are meeting the state requirement to update this plan every five years. The plan was emailed out last week for everyone to review. Some comments were made to engineer Noah Gordon. It has to be approved and presented to city council before the end of the year. Mr. Gordon updated it last night and Mr. Stapley distributed that copy. Mr. Hotchkiss mentioned the report is basically a boiler plate. The figures and tables are really what make this report unique. Mr. Beck had a question on the last page about the water

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board being more involved and having someone be the conservation watchdog. How would one do that? Mr. Hatch said we can do a lot of things. The City currently is doing the minimum, which has worked remarkably well. Mr. Hotchkiss asked how we can vote on it when it isn't complete yet. Three board members had to leave the meeting early. There is definitely more that can be done for conservation. But right now, as the report stands, we're meeting the State requirements. Cl. Strong recommended we email the final copy for approval before it goes to Council. Mr. Hatch brought up evapo-transpiration and explained how it would normalize for weather.

Mr. Beck moved to adjourn. Cl. Strong seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourn – This meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

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