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MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY WATER BOARD

Tuesday, April 19, 2005
6:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
50 South Main
Springville, Utah 84663

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11 **ATTENDANCE**

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13 Councilmember
14 J. Niel Strong

Secretary
Marcie Clark

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16 Board Members
17 Alton Beck
18 Lynn Panter - absent
19 Gordon Wilson
20 Rick Child - absent
21 Nile Hatch
22 Steve Oakey - excused
23 Calvin Crandall

City Staff
Brad Stapley - excused
Layne Long

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25 1. **Welcome and Review of Minutes** – The minutes of March 8, 2005 were reviewed and approved as written.
26 Alton Beck motioned and Nile Hatch seconded.
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28 2. **Staff Reports** – Director Stapley could not attend the meeting this morning, but sent his report. Mr. Long
29 gave a brief overview of what is happening at the Canyon Road Well. There is a static level of water at 160
30 feet. The formation is plugged up and another \$30-40,000 will be spent to break up the plug. The well
31 yield has decreased from original estimates, but it should still end up being a very good well when it's all
32 said and done.
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34 Mr. Wilson asked about the snow pack and how that will affect spring use over wells. Mr. Long replied
35 that it will be interesting to see what happens. Bartholomew Spring is something the city needs to work out
36 with Springville Irrigation Co. There is more water capacity than what we have rights for. We're working
37 on changing the permit right now, increasing it to 12 cubic feet per second. We have 7 cubic feet per
38 second to generate and the other is for irrigation and stock watering.
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40 Cl. Strong mentioned that we need to utilize our storage tanks more than we have been. And we need to
41 rely on spring flow. We have more water coming down the line from CUP and problems with existing
42 water. We have to find out what the state engineer is going to do with water he doesn't think has been
43 beneficially used. Are we going to buy CUP water that we don't need? How can we make a decision on a
44 culinary system if we don't know what is going to happen? Cl. Strong asked Mr. Crandall to put in writing
45 what Springville Irrigation Co. has planned.
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- 47 3. **Board Member Reports** – Nile Hatch has been working on the water rate structures. He has not met with
48 Brad Stapley and Hansen, Allen & Luce yet to see how his model will relate to their master plan. Cl.
49 Strong mentioned that we know we need something different when water use starts to try and capture
50 revenue from abusers. Cl. Strong thinks the council will approve it.
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52 Mr. Hatch explained his model. He has a student that did an analysis on water rate structures within a 50
53 mile radius. There were only two communities with lower rates than Springville City. Mr. Long
54 distributed a spreadsheet on Water User and Water Usage Information. The spreadsheet does not tell us
55 acreage of land. Currently the city charges \$1.05 per thousand above 6,000 gallons. There is a \$10 base

1 rate. Mr. Hatch found that typically what residents use during 5 months of winter is equal to 1 month in the
2 summer. Mr. Long reported our current revenue is 2.7 million with a \$500,000 (half million) bond. This
3 year we are budgeting 3.6 million. We should come up with criteria that we want. Rates have gone up
4 substantially over the last three years. Mr. Long explained the Water Dept. budget on the white board as
5 follows:

6	Department Expenses	1,500,000	(labor, parts, supplies)
7	Debt Services	655,000	(in 2008 it will go to \$138,000)
8	Transfers to General Fund	500,000	
9	Capital	800,000	

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11 We can change the parameters of the rate structure after the meeting between Nile Hatch, Layne Long,
12 Brad Stapley, and HAL.

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14 Mr. Hatch said people don't respond to pricing. The city should look at subsidizing conservation efforts –
15 such as subsidizing drought-tolerant plants, low-flow toilets, etc. Cl. Strong mentioned a Water Use
16 Workshop that Central Utah Water Conservancy District is providing to all communities. We will
17 advertise the workshop and have someone attend the May 17 workshop. Then we can schedule one in
18 Springville.

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20 4. **Review of Draft Water Master Plan** – Cl. Strong needs all comments/ideas in writing on the master plan.
21 Mr. Crandall requested another copy. We anticipate some big capital projects coming to get our systems
22 working the way they should. Mr. Crandall cautioned everyone to look past the dollar figures of each
23 proposed option and look to the future and what will be best for everyone.

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25 We will have a special meeting to get the rate structure completed. The first council meeting in May is
26 when the tentative budget will be adopted. The final budget will be adopted in June. We can adapt utility
27 rates in June. The special meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd at 4:00 p.m. We will review the rate structure
28 and make recommendations.

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30 Mr. Crandall mentioned that Big Hollow has only 50% of water from last year. He doesn't know why, but
31 he is very concerned.

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33 5. **Adjourn** – This meeting adjourned at 7:50 am.