

PAROWAN CITY CULINARY WATER BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY – MAY 11, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 35 EAST 100 NORTH – PAROWAN CITY OFFICES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Horton (Chairman), Jim Shurtleff (Council Representative), Sam Halterman, Mark Carney, Tom Gurr, Coy Stowell

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Stones (Public Works Superintendent), Cleve Matheson (City Manager/Zoning Officer), Mollie Halterman (Mayor), Heather Shurtleff (Deputy Recorder/Water Board Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER: Don Horton called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

DO MEMBERS HAVE ANY CONFLICTS TO DECLARE? None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Shurtleff moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022 as printed in the packet. Mark Carney seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. The minutes were approved.

CULINARY WATER TIERS/EXCESSIVE USAGE: Mark Carney talked about the board asking for some comparisons during the last work meeting (See attached). Mr. Carney talked about how the data was laid out; the comparisons were based on percentage increases between tiers, starting at tier #4. The data collected was January, 2021 compared to July, 2021 at the existing rates. The board discussed the comparisons at length.

Mark Carney said there seemed to be a general consensus at the last work meeting of a 30% tier increase from tier #4 and up; a discussion ensued. More tiers would give more flexibility to the customer to control their bill, according to their economic situation. The higher tiers seemed aggressive, but it would give the very high water users an opportunity to control the bill through less consumption.

The discussion reviewing options for the tiers continued. The board talked at length about watering outside in the summer; however, with the proposed tiers, even in the winter (January historically being the lowest water usage month), the tiers would still promote conservation. Mr. Carney reminded the board that the data was based on actual data from Parowan City culinary water usage.

Cleve Matheson explained that in January, 2021 less water was used, so the City billed for less water usage; in July, 2021 the residents used more water, so the City billed for more water

usage. Mr. Matheson also talked about the majority of culinary water users making a far lesser impact on the total water usage for Parowan City than the small minority of heavy water users. Mr. Matheson reminded those present that the tier update wasn't revenue driven, the tier update was to support water conservation. It was good to see the options and the effect the updated tiers could make.

Tom Gurr said it was about balance; it was nice to promote reasonable water usage along with conservation.

Cleve Matheson said the tier system would give the residents a choice, and put them in the driver's seat.

Sam Halterman wondered about the high water users conserving so much that the City would be in a financial problem. Cleve Matheson assured the board that if the high water users conserved it would not put a financial burden on the City.

Mark Carney talked about revisiting the tiers in 6 to 8 months to see if some calibration would be needed. Cleve Matheson said the conservation would also be reviewed during the water master plan.

Tom Gurr and members of the board talked about liking the 30% increase between tiers, it seemed like a good balance. Jim Shurtleff agreed with Mr. Gurr, saying it would show the residents that the City was concerned with conservation and was doing something about it. The board talked about raising the base rate from 0-5,000 gallons to 0-8,000 gallons, and that reasonable water users would stay virtually unaffected.

Mark Carney moved to submit a recommendation to the City Council for the 30% increase, based on the tier table starting at tier #4 for conservation for the City of Parowan. Tom Gurr seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF AND MEMBER COMMENTS: Mark Carney wanted to touch on a few things not addressed in the work meetings: the hydrant meter fees, the water fill station fees and the additional surcharge.

Cleve Matheson wanted the Water Board to come up with a flat rate for the water fill station for non-agricultural users. Mark Carney was concerned that people would irrigate their properties with the water fill station, and Mr. Matheson and Kelly Stones said once the water was dispensed there was no way to know how the water was being used. The water fill station water was not for residential irrigation or resale and the water would not be considered potable. Mr. Matheson would bring information about the water fill station to a future meeting.

Cleve Matheson said the water surcharge discussion could wait until the water master plan happened.

Cleve Matheson let the Water Board know that he intended to recommend to the City Council that the utility base rates stay the same whether the water to a property was turned on or off, which would include the culinary base rate. Currently, when the meters in the City were turned off, the base rates went down by half. Mr. Matheson said this change was for the board's information, no action was necessary. All board members present thought staying at the full base rates was a good idea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Douglas Fox applauded the Water Board for the decision to adjust the tiers to encourage conservation. Communities that don't take action would be under the state's decisions on conservation.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING: None

ADJOURN: Tom Gurr moved to adjourn. Jim Shurtleff seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

PAROWAN CITY PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY – MAY 11, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 35 EAST 100 NORTH – PAROWAN CITY OFFICES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Horton (Chairman), Jim Shurtleff (Council Representative), Sam Halterman, Mark Carney, Tom Gurr, Coy Stowell

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Stones (Public Works Superintendent), Cleve Matheson (City Manager/Zoning Officer), Mollie Halterman (Mayor), Heather Shurtleff (Deputy Recorder/Water Board Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER: Don Horton called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

DO MEMBERS HAVE ANY CONFLICTS TO DECLARE? None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Carney moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022. Jim Shurtleff seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. The minutes were approved.


STAFF AND MEMBER COMMENTS: Kelly Stones said the Forebay had been holding strong and working well. The level at the Yankee Reservoir was higher than last year, which was encouraging.

Jim Shurtleff thanked the board for all of the hard work they'd done on behalf of the City, and said it was greatly appreciated. Everyone present thanked Mark Carney for all of his hard work and the large amount of data he provided over the last four meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

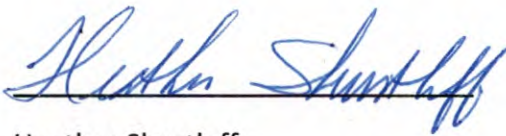
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING: Mark Carney wanted to look at the pressurized irrigation accounts based on the data Tyler Melling pulled out.

ADJOURN: Jim Shurtleff moved to adjourn. Tom Gurr seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.



Don Horton
Chairman

SAM HARTBERMAN
CHAIR PRO TEMP.



Heather Shurtleff
Parowan City Deputy Recorder

11/9/2022

Date minutes were approved