

MUB MEETING MINUTES

March 17th, 2020

Attendees included: Ken Sabers, MUB President; Shawn Mechling, MUB member (by phone); Ron Waterland, MUB member (by phone); Greg Barnier, City Attorney; Rick Bush, Public Works Director; Daniel Ainslie, City Manager; Jim Allison, resident.

1. Meeting called to order by Ken Sabers at 7:30am.
2. a.) Mechling made a motion to approve the March agenda, second by Waterland. All approved.
b.) Waterland made a motion to approve the January minutes, second by Mechling. All approved.
3. Waterland made a motion to approve the claims, second by Mechling. All approved.
4. City Finance Office Report- Bueno was not in attendance. Ainslie went over 4th quarter financials. He discussed CDs that have matured and turned into cash. The additional purchase of smart points was talked about and revenue is up while utilities are down. Bush brought up the update to the SCADA system.
5. Customer Concerns- Jim Allison joined the meeting with concerns about the availability fee and contractors. He discussed the surcharges should pay for the repairs on unused water lines instead of the availability fee. He was concerned with the contractors being “punished” for undeveloped lots at no fault of their own. Bush addressed the difference between surcharge and availability fees. Surcharges go toward specific projects as listed on bill. Availability fees are for property owners who do not develop property. Contractors have 2years after acceptance of city, at which time the contractor becomes responsible for the repairs to the unused water lines. Homeowners can either abandon the line or pay availability.
6. Water Superintendent Report- Bush discussed the smart points purchased in 2019 have now all been installed. Core and Main will offer the same price of purchase for more and continue installation.
7. Public Works Director Report- Bush discussed the current opening for water superintendent. He talked about the issues losing communication at wells and how the SCADA update should eliminate problem. Ainslie discussed eliminating shut offs and late fees for the month due to the pandemic as requested from President Trump. Waterland, Mechling, and Sabers all agreed following presidential recommendation.
8. Public Hearings – none
9. Old Business – none
10. New Business – Barnier handed out article II- water rates, section 2.01. Change to last paragraph, line 2, outside city limits rates as 1.5 times to 2 times and, line 5, from 150% to 200%. Ainslie mentioned change “Availability fee will be charges” to “An availability fee will be charged”. Barnier motioned to approve 1st reading. Approved by Waterland, second by Mechling.
11. Other matters that may come before the MUB Board – Barnier discussed communication with Joe Murray.
12. Executive Session- none

Mechling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 am, Waterland seconded and all approved.
The next meeting will be held on April 28th at 7:30 am in the conference room at the Public Works Campus.

Ken Sabers, President

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