

Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023

Present: Ken Richins, Angie Tripp, Mac J Hall, Mayor Billings, David Hirschi, Lea Thompson, Troy Gubler, Dayton Hall, Kelby Iverson, Mike Vercimak, and Fred Resch

Guest: Stephen Kramer (Willow Wind RV)

Item #1 Call to Order, Prayer

Mac Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Mayor Billings offered the prayer.

Item #2 Review of Minutes of June 27, 2023

Mac Hall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2023. Mike Vercimak motion to approve. Lea Thompson second the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Discussion on recent implemented surcharge fee, about water metering at Willow Wind RV and others

Mac Hall welcomed Stephen Kramer with Willow Wind RV.

Ken Richins asked Dayton Hall city attorney to give a brief discussion on what the surcharge fee is and how it was implemented from WCWCD (Washington County Water Conservancy District). He explained how the fee charges work and how it is broken down to current and future connections. The existing connections do get a higher usage threshold before receiving the surcharge fee than those coming in after January 1, 2023. The city retains those funds for the city to use within the city limits.

Ken Richins talked about the 2-inch meter that Willow Wind currently has installed. He gave some ideas on how to stop the surcharge fee monthly. They would need around 2 or 3 more meters installed which could stop such a high surcharge fee especially for all the lots within the park and outside watering. Ken presented a document showing Willow Winds water usage. He explained that Willow Wind existed before the pooling agreement came into effect.

Stephen Kramer talked about how he is wanting to work with the city and do what they can to help with this fee. He explained why they are using more water than in the years in the past. They have a minimum of 10,000 people coming into the park every year. By having a nice park and all the grass and trees they offer it brings in a lot to Hurricane City. Stephen explained how they have reduced their timers to help with the excess water runoff.

Ken Richins explained that we have an AMI 4G meter that we can install so they can track the water usage using the harmony app. It will take a month before you see any data.

Ken Richins said that there is a meter setter there without a meter installed so it is ready for a meter to be set. To get the meter installed they would be required to pay impact fees. By adding this second meter it could stop the high-water surcharge fee since they would be under a different threshold.

Mac Hall explained that Willow Wind when first developed didn't need to install the second meter but has expanded since then.

David Hirschi asked if we knew of any other business that might have the same issue. Ken Richins said he is going to investigate it but as of right now Willow Wind is the first ones to contact Water Department. Ken explained most of the RV parks have the correct number of meters to serve the number of residents.

Dayton Hall explained that Hurricane City is the only city in the county doing its own surcharge fee. There is a push to redo the regional water supply agreement to give the district the authority to have a universal uniform surcharge. So, if

the city was to go along with the proposal, then any adjustments as a city will not help Willow Wind it will be stuck with what the district calculation on the surcharge of the city. Dayton Hall explained best thing is to get a meter now and save excess fee in the future before price goes up more.

Stephen Kramer said another solution is to get a bigger meter or take out the grass. Ken Richins explained that he has done the calculation and three 2-inch meters could serve the whole park.

The water board gave some suggestions on how to help cover the charges and might be in Willow Winds best interest is to get the second meter.

Dayton Hall explained that the impact fee is implemented by how many units each size of meter it can serve and how much that meter will cost on how many units it will serve.

Mac Hall gave a brief history on what he could remember when Willow Wind Park was implemented. We would have to go back to the minutes to see exactly what was decided.

Dayton Hall explained that the city council passed a resolution on a surcharge fee based on meter size and that's what everyone gets.

Dayton Hall and Ken Richins will look over some past minutes and see if there is a way that we can help with the issue on the second meter. To investigate some past minutes and see if there some ways to help with some flexibility. They are going to look back at minutes from 1982-1984.

Ken Richins said he will have Angie Tripp do some research and get a list of all the RV parks and the number of units it serves and size of meters.

Mike Vercimak motion to continue this to the next meeting so they can do some research. To look at what size of meter and how many residents they can serve. David Hirschi seconded. Motion passed.

Item #4 Discussion on upcoming Division of Water Resources loan application

Ken Richins gave a brief discussion after a meeting with Alpha Engineering, Kaden Demille city manager, and Paige Chapman city accountant on how we can come up with the money to get the irrigation expansion going.

Ken Richins presented a spreadsheet that explains what is needed for the irrigation expansion project. There is two parts of the irrigation expansion 920 W storm drain is a canal company line and we need to put everything back into the alignment the storm drain is. We are trying to put a 30-inch line from 920 W from 1300 S to the wash. Alpha has done some figures for us which shows that we would need a 48-inch line but would be ok with a 30-inch line. We would need to put another 30-inch line down the other side later in a future date. This would make the project work.

Ken Richins discussed the application needs to be in by August 10th, this is something we are working on to get completed to move forward on the irrigation expansion system to work. Ken Richins talked about also doing a loan application for a new water tank at Sky Ranch area which is needed to hold more capacity for our whole system.

Ken Richins talked about the meeting he attended today with Dixie Conservation District about a loan that works with NRCS. During the meeting he talked to a gentleman from USDA Department of Agriculture that explained there is grant money he can help us apply for to help cover expenses that works hand and hand with NRCS

Kelby Iverson talked about how NRCS is willing and wanting to help all citizens in getting funding. This would be irrigation money that NRCS could help with.

Ken Richins talked about the projects that we want to get going on and how much we need to spend this year and apply to upcoming projects.

Mac Hall explained that the pressurized irrigation expansion and 920 storm drain is all the same projects.

Item #5 Dixie Springs well update

Ken said they repaired the well and the cost was 22 thousand dollars. The well is ready to be online as soon as we can. We want to get this online as soon as we can and not wait until next summer.

Item #6 Update on the irrigation expansion project

Mac Hall talked about a recent meeting he attended with NRCS that there is 14 million dollars out there to help with this project.

Ken Richins explained that they need to replace all the lines south of Gould's Wash which would make it a better system.

Bowen & Collins Engineering are 60% complete and ready to be on the JUC agenda. Joe Ipson is talking to people with canal company connections with no legal access to their property and see what we can do.

Item #7 Report on Water System

Ken explained a lot happening water is good this year. Still having a problem moving water around hoping to get that resolved soon.

Secondary meters are going in on the south side of state street and they are continuing around the south side of the city to the north. These are meters that are not being read right now until they can get into our billing system. They will be used for comparison data right now.

Item #8 New Business

Ken Richins said our springs are doing good.

Mayor Billings gave a brief discussion about the Toquerville project once they are using the Toquerville water rather than the Toquerville Springs it will reuse from confluence park it will free up fresh good water. Hurricane residents are very invested in paying for this because we recognize where our water is coming from.

Item #9 Adjourn

Mac called the meeting at 7:10 pm