



Hurricane City Water Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026

Present: Kory Wright, Angie Tripp, Mac Hall, Dayton Hall, Casey Lofthouse, Gary Cupp, Leah Thompson, Bevin Johnson, and Amy Werrett councilwoman

Guest: Bruce Zimmerman

Item #1 Call to order, prayer

Mac Hall introduced our new board member councilwoman Amy Werrett.

Mac Hall called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Bevin Johnson gave the prayer.

Item #2 Approval of minutes from January 27, 2026

Mac Hall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2026. Leah Thompson motion to approve the minutes. Bevin Johnson second the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Report on Irrigation Expansion projects

Kory Wright presented some pictures of the irrigation expansion project. He explained what each one does and how it works. Kory explained that things are moving along very well.

The first picture is of the vault, second is a picture of the irrigation ponds third is the booster station for the irrigation ponds fourth picture is the south pond. Interstate Rock is getting ready to pour the walls. The estimated completion is the end of March. Both irrigation ponds hold 3 million gallons.

Interstate has been trenching from 650 S to 400 S.

Kory explained that we will notify the residents ahead of time before the water is turned on. The city is expecting the pressurized irrigation to be up and running around June. He has advised residents to not remove existing irrigation system yet.

Mac Hall has suggested to residents to operate the same as last year until the new system is ready.

Item #4 Report on the secondary meter project Phase 2

Kory Wright talked about the secondary meters that we had 200 meters that still needs to be installed that was missed during Phase 1. The new phase was put out for bid and Feller Enterprise got the award they will start installing in the next week.

Mac Hall explained that Kory Wright was able to call and get verbal recommendation from the Water Board to take it to city council for approval.

Kory Wright explained that during this process we have found unaccounted services some were buried or hidden in bushes the city used a detection tool to locate.

Item #5 Report on the progress of the new wells and tanks

Kory Wright presented a picture of the Sky Ranch tank which is a 2 mg tank and the progress that's been made. The foundation is scheduled to be poured soon. The Sky Ranch well should produce high quality water.

Kory Wright also presented pictures of the drill rig that's all set up and ready to start working. He met with Gardener Brothers today to go over what the plans were and what steps need to be taken to start going on this. This well site had the lowest TDS (total dissolved solids)

Kory Wright explained that Board of Water Resource awarded the city 12.6 million dollars to get these projects going which is interest free. This will cover wells, tanks and irrigation infrastructure.

Kory Wright presented a picture of the Sky Ranch booster station.

Kory Wright talked about Goulds Wash well that the TDS (total dissolved solids) is over 2,000 so that will be used for secondary water which is for outside watering. Should be able to start working again in the first of March they have been waiting on some state inspections to be passed. This water will be used to put into the irrigation system.

The Dixie Springs well has been running since the 2nd of February we are flowing from about 800 to 840 gpm target is 1100 gpm the system is online. The water quality is very good.

Item #6 Discussion on water contracts and placement of water in the pressurized irrigation system

Kory Wright explained that there has been some questions about how this process is going to work.

Bevin Johnson asked how the city is going to connect the lines. Kory Wright explained that the city will provide service to the meter from the meter to the resident's property is the responsibility of the property owner.

Kory Wright explained that the city is absorbing the cost of the connection fees after the project is over it will be up to the residents to pay those fees.

Kory Wright explained how much the water shares are going for primary \$20,000 and secondary \$5,000.

Item #7 Report on the Sate water loss report

Kory Wright talked about our meeting with the Division of Water Rights we had last month. The city's water loss percentage was 20.85% last year and this year we were 14.83%. We think a lot of the cities' water loss is in the failing infrastructure in the Dixie Springs area. Also, when fire hydrants are being flushed. The water crew is going to call Angie Tripp and let her know how much water they use when flushing a hydrant so we can get it accounted for. This year some of the things we have implemented helps with finding where our water is going and getting leaks taken care of. The water department has some maintenance stuff we are taking care of.

Kory Wright explained that overall, the report went very well this year.

Item #8 Discussion and possible recommendation to the City Council on the WCWCD water rate increase for culinary and secondary

Mac Hall explained that WCWCD water rate increases each year. The attachment is for 5 years showing 11 cents per thousand gallons to match what the district does. If the district raises their fees, we will raise them. The 2% increase goes towards the base rate and price per thousand-gallon rate. The tier rate will go up 11 cents for each tier rate.

Kory Wright gave a brief explanation on how the water rate increase works. What the increase is for and how it will go back into the system.

The board had a brief discussion on the rates.

Mac Hall asked if there was a motion to recommend the resolution to the city council. Casey Lofthouse motion to recommend the 11 cents per thousand gallons but not recommending the 2% increase on the base rate. Leah Thompson second the motion. Motion passed.

Item #9 Sand Hollow aquifer study

Leah Thompson says she has nothing to report currently.

Item #10 Report on 2026-27 water budget

Kory Wright explained we are in the process of doing our budget for the 26-27 year. So far, we are doing good for both our culinary and secondary system.

Item #11 New Business

Dayton Hall went over what the House bill 501 is that's in legislature right now. This is for failing infrastructure in cities. It reads if the city wants to get money from the state you need to collect from your residents.

Item #12 Adjourn

Mac Hall adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HURRICANE, UTAH, APPROVING
AN INCREASE IN BILLING RATES FOR WATER USAGE IN THE CITY OF
HURRICANE**

WHEREAS the Washington County Water Conservancy District has imposed an annual rate increase on the cost of wholesale water in the amount of \$0.11 per thousand gallons; and

WHEREAS the Hurricane City Water Board has recommended a corresponding increase in Hurricane City's billing rates for usage of water; and

WHEREAS the Hurricane City Council finds that an increase in the City's billing rates is necessary to account for the increase in the wholesale water rate, to pay for costs of water development, to pay to replace failing infrastructure, and to stabilize revenue for the Hurricane City Water Department; and

WHEREAS the Hurricane City Council finds that it is necessary and desirable for the preservation and protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hurricane,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of Hurricane, Utah as follows:

1. At such time that the Washington County Water Conservancy District imposes its annual increase of \$0.11 per thousand gallons for the cost of wholesale water, the Hurricane City water rates shall also be increased by the following amounts:

- a. an increase of \$0.11 per thousand gallons of water;
- b. unless otherwise amended by the Hurricane City Council, this annual increase in water rates shall continue each year for five years, after which it shall be reviewed by the Hurricane City Water Board and updated by the Hurricane City Council;

2. Unless otherwise amended by the Hurricane City Council, each year for five years, there shall be a 2% increase in Hurricane City's general base rate and per-thousand-gallon rate for water to stabilize revenue for the Hurricane City Water Department, after which it shall be reviewed by the Hurricane City Water Board and updated by the Hurricane City Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of March 2026.

Clark Fawcett, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Beteag, Recorder

The foregoing Resolution was presented at a regular meeting of the Hurricane City Council held at the Hurricane City Office Building on the 5th day of March 2026. Whereupon a motion to adopt and approve said Resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Drew Ellerman	___	___	___	___
Joseph Prete	___	___	___	___
Dave Imlay	___	___	___	___
Lynn Excell	___	___	___	___
Amy Werrett	___	___	___	___

Cindy Beteag