

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1st, 2021
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STEET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

Chairman Mohindra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vinod Mohindra
Tim Eisenmann
Michael Wicks
Lorna Brooks
Cecil Boelts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa McKinley
William Dohring

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy McCall, Utilities Director
Jolene Chavez, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Approval of Minutes from November 2nd, 2020

Michael Wicks made a motion to approve the December 7th, 2020 minutes, seconded by **Tim Eisemann** (Aye's were Mohindra, Eisenmann, Wicks, Brooks, and Boelts).

Status of Current Events

Desert Dunes Wastewater Treatment Facility Capacity Status – there have been tremendous growth in this area it is necessary to expand this treatment plant. Projections show we will hit capacity by 2025.

Water Treatment Production and System Pressure – discussed the pressures across the city. Plants try to keep pressures around the city between 65-95 psi. We have recently installed a device on 20 fire hydrants around town to help gauge pressures. The ihydrants communicate to an app that will let our distribution system of either a surge or loss of pressure in our system. We are looking into getting a grant to help fund more ihydrants. Commission members asked for the locations of the 20 ihydrants.

Water Storage Tank Maintenance Status – Maintenance is conducted every 3-5 years. A special company from Mesa, AZ comes in and inspects the water storage tanks. They also report any repairs or issues they see when inspecting the tanks.

Department Updates – Production numbers for 2020 were increased. Most increases were on the East side of town. We currently have about \$800,000 owed due to the hold on disconnects. Sold 6% more meters during 2020.

Sweetwater Utility – there has been a handshake agreement to purchase this utility. Need to install a lift station within the next 2 years.

Utilities Building – Our new building is under construction. Scheduled to be done in October 2021. Concrete pad will be installed by the end of the month.

Personnel Issues – Our Water Manager has resigned and moved to Florida. We also have reopened the Assistant Director position.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.