

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 2, 2022
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STEET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Members Present

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy McCall, Utilities Director
Kervina Landry, Administrative Specialist
Christopher Grant, Water Quality & Compliance Mgr.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Administrative Items

- **Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2022 (correction)**

A correction was made on the February 7, 2022 minutes to reflect the correction of the person that called the meeting to order. **Cecil Boelts** made a motion to approve the correction on the February 7, 2022 minutes, seconded by **Lorna Brooks** (Aye's were Vinod Mohindra, Lorna Brooks, Michael Wicks, Cecil Boelts, Carrie Scott and Tim Eisenmann).

Tim Eisenmann made a motion to approve the minutes with correction on the February 7, 2022 minutes, seconded by **Cecil Boelts** (Aye's were Vinod Mohindra, Lorna Brooks, Michael Wicks, Cecil Boelts, Carrie Scott and Tim Eisenmann).

Vinod introduced new board member Carrie Scott.

Status of Current Events

Utility Rates Study- Jeremy McCall brief the Commission on the Utility Rates Study using power point presentation.

- Last study was done in 2016.
- 2019 was the last adopted rate increase which has 5 years programmed into that.
- Met with Consultant Dan Jackson in March. He worked on the last rate study.
- Working on an Integrated Master Plan for both Water & Wastewater. This will consider every aspect of our business from service area, planning and infrastructure. Long-term strategies about water security and water rights.
- Carollo will start the Integrated Master Plan. It has already gone to Council so ready to move on that. They think they will finish around November. The Consultant will be involved through the entire process.
- Water and Wastewater rates are independent of each other.
- Plan to move forward similar to current that is inside and outside customers base charges and consumptive use.
- Use a structured tiered water rate system.
- Pay a certain water rate for the HCF (hundred cubic feet)
- 0-10 HCF, 11-30 HCF, above 31 HCF all have different rate structures. Using the different rates instills water conservation as far as use and practicality of. If you use a lot of water, you get charged more on the tier structure.
- Wastewater uses the same flat-based charges, do not charge for consumption.
- Once the study is complete, and prior to going to Council, we will look for endorsement from Commission.

Proposed FY 23 Budget – Jeremy McCall briefed the Commission on key highlights for the upcoming budget that will begin July 1, 2022.

- Continue the multiyear project of expanding the Desert Dunes Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Complete an update of the Water and Wastewater Utility Regulations.

- Finalize a new Water & Wastewater Integrated Master Plan
- Explore Desert Dunes Effluent Water Reuse Projects.
- Improve Groundwater Well No. 1 at Agua Viva Water Treatment Facility
- Significant Impacts Water Fund
 - Imperial Dam OM Charges (Unit B)
 - AMR Transmitter Replacements
 - Converted Water and YCWUA Delivery Charges
 - Materials & Supplies at Main Street WTP (chemical costs)
 - PRV Testing & Maintenance
- Significant Impacts Wastewater Fund
 - Biosolids at Figueroa Ave WPCF
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 - Biosolids at Desert Dunes WRF

Capital Improvement Projects- Jeremy McCall brief the Commission on Department updates for CIP.

- Capital Improvement Projects – Water
 - Main Street WTP Filter System Phase II (\$2,030,000)
 - Main Street WTP Basin 1 & 2 Renovations (\$1,350,000)
 - Agua Viva WTP Well NO. Replacement (\$2,275,000)
 - Agua Viva Membrane Replacement (\$2,000,000)
 - Arizona Ave Waterline Replacement (\$350,000)
 - Integrated Water Resources Master Plan (\$250,000)
- Capital Improvement Projects – Wastewater
 - Desert Dunes Capacity Increase (\$80,000,000)
 - 4E Sewer Line Extension (\$6,900,000)
 - Figueroa Ave WPCF Electrical Upgrades (\$2,700,000)
 - Integrated Water Resources Master Plan (\$250,000)
 - C. River Interceptor Manhole Replacements (\$195,000)

Water Regulations- Jeremy McCall brief the Commission on water regulations.

- Started working on Water Regulations.
- No major changes, documents are from 2006
- Documents need to be updated
- Once a draft is made, we will hold a public meeting.

Current Project Updates- Jeremy McCall went over the upcoming and current projects

- Integrated Master Plan is a \$500,000.00 project and there is \$250,000.00 set aside in both Water and Wastewater to cover this project.
 - Very important to plan for future service areas. 2008 was the last time a plan was done.
 - Documents need to be updated
- Utilities Building- nearing completion. Had a walk through today
- Desert Dunes Expansion-attending design meetings in Phoenix
- Main Street Filters-2 million dollar project, pipes are corroded
- Quechan Contract Renewal-5 year contract. They are close to their max allowed and will need to discuss at the end of their contract.

Future Agenda- No June Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Kervina Landry, Administrative Specialist

APPROVED:


Chairman & Date 8/1/22