

Utilities/Enterprise Commission
August 13, 2007

The Commission of Utilities/Enterprise met in regular session at Worland City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman Bob Nelsen, Bud Callaham and Loyd Worley. Also attending were City Engineer Mike Donnell, Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Gary Gerber, Deputy Clerk Linda Frisbee and Jileana Childs of the Northern Wyoming Daily News. Visitor Ross Jorgensen was present.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Gary Gerber informed the Commission that the crew has been busy repairing some fire hydrants. The water crane is fixed and up and running. They have been busy fixing some pot holes and other maintenance work that needs to be done. They will probably dig some test holes out on the Airport sewer line to see if the ground water is down.

Ross Jorgensen representing Washakie Rural Improvement and Service District is proposing putting in some telemetry controls for the Airport Pressure Sustaining Valve Station in case of an emergency at the Airport. Washakie Rural would pay for the installation of this then the City would take over ownership and maintain it. There is currently a lift station that is already there that would be available for electricity. Ross will suggest this to the Engineers.

Ross Jorgensen is proposing a Lane 15 connection to the City's water line along Highway 20 South. Washakie Rural is asking the Utilities Commission to waive the \$5200.00 tap fee for a 3" water tap if they upsize the line to a 4" line and install extra valves, which could then serve future city customers in that area. The cost of the upgrades, paid for under the Washakie Rural project, is estimated at \$13,300.00.

City Engineer Mike Donnell received a request from the Wyoming Water Development Commission to update the information in the Wyoming Public Water System survey. Mike would like to have some input on it. On the artesian east project Mike informed the Commission there has been one more easement signed, Marguerette Harriett, which leaves only two easements that have not been signed, McKamey and Samuel. Those two are being discussed with the project attorney, Virgil Kinnaird, and may require legal action. Mike informed the Commission that the agreement with the County on Lane 14 has been executed. The City will finish the survey of Lane 14 and provide the plat to the County. The County will turn it into a County road and pave it once the sewer line is installed under the north travel lane of the road.

Mike has done research on the Bonanza water users wanting to purchase additional taps off the artesian line.

Motion: to recommend to the Council to continue the moratorium on the taps off the water line.

By: Councilman Callaham.

Second by: Councilman Worley.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mike has also done research as per the Commission's request on the water and sewer lines to Sage Crossing where Dan Lockard wanted to hook up to.

Superintendent of Public Works Gene Cliame informed the Commission that the contractor for Element 5B for the Big Horn Regional is already past the contract time. They are going to need to test and flush the line. As we told them at the pre-construction conference, there is no way that right now we would be able to provide the amount of water that would be needed to do this, approximately 1,500 gallons per minute.

Gene informed the Commission that there is an old John Deere loader at the shop that is not worth anything. Gene has a couple people that are interested in it. The Commission told Gene to have them make an offer on it. Gene informed the Commission that he would need to hire a mechanic at a Grade 18.

Gene also informed the Commission that Ross Jorgensen's last day with Washakie Rural is Wednesday. The City has a maintenance agreement with Washakie Rural to do the maintenance that Ross has been doing. The Commission would like to have City Attorney Kent Richins go over the agreement to see if the agreement can be ended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next Utilities/Enterprise Commission will be September 10, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bob Nelsen, Chairman

Linda Frisbee, Deputy Clerk