



Water Advisory Board Minutes

WATER ADVISORY BOARD MINUTE RECORD

The City of San Angelo

Monday, October 16, 2017

OPEN SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED the Water Advisory Board convened in a meeting at 1:30 P.M., Monday, October 16, 2017, in the San Angelo McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Texas. Board members present were Mike Boyd, Chuck Brown, Jonathan Jennings, and Roland Pena. Non-voting members present were Bill Riley. Staff members present were Michael Dane, Allison Strube, Paulina Levy, Ann Pierce, Ricky Dickson, Tina Dierschke and Theresa James. Whereupon, the following business was transacted:

1. Call to Order

Mr. Boyd, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Boyd gave the opportunity for anyone present to come forward for public comment. There were none.

2. Regular Agenda

a. Consider approving the August 9, 2017 Water Advisory Board regular meeting minutes

The minutes from the August 9, 2017 City of San Angelo Water Advisory Board meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Pena and seconded by Mr. Jennings. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion of increased tap fee charges (Sec.A8.005) for new water service connections(Presentation by Water Utilities Assistant Director, Allison Strube)

Allison Strube gave an overview of the staff's proposed tap fee schedule. Such a schedule would increase fees in order to recover the cost of supplies for installing new water tap connections. Mr. Boyd and Mayor Brenda Gunter would like to know the fully loaded cost (including both indirect and direct costs) for comparison. It was pointed out by Mr. Boyd that the City does indeed bid out our services and supplies to guarantee a best price guarantee. Motion to recommend the staff's proposal be presented to City Council was made by Mr. Pena and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Discussion regarding the late fee charge (Sec.A8.007) associated with the municipal statement (Presentation by Water Utilities Assistant Director, Allison Strube)

Allison Strube gave an overview of the current late fee charge and possible alternatives to it. Mr. Jennings recommended a survey in order to evaluate possible causes customers list for paying late. Mr. Boyd passed a motion to trend the past 3 years of late fee charges and project the presented alternatives into the future. Motion to choose an alternate percentage-based late fee based on needed revenue presented by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Pena voting against the recommendation.

- d. Discussion on increased deposit charge (Sec.A8.008) associated with new accounts in order to protect the financial health of the utility (Presentation by Water Utilities Assistant Director, Allison Strube)

Allison Strube presented an overview of current deposit charges and the staff's proposed deposit schedule. An increase in deposit charges would decrease the amount of uncollected revenue. The Board recommended the staff's proposal be presented to City Council. Motion by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Pena. The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Discussion on the current conservation discount (Sec. 11.02.031) awarded to low consumption accounts (Presentation by Water Utilities Assistant Director, Allison Strube)

Allison Strube gave an overview of current conservation discount (10% discount if customer uses 3,000 gallons or less). Staff proposes a flat rate discount to guarantee the least consuming customer receives the largest discount. The Board recommended the staff's proposal be presented to City Council. Motion by Mr. Pena and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

- f. Update on Ford Ranch purchase and discussion of the Hickory Project Expansion (Presentation by Water Utilities Director Bill Riley)

Bill Riley presented an overview of the benefits regarding the Ford Ranch purchase. Mr. Riley also presented the future plans surrounding the property.

- g. Announcements and Consider Future Agenda items

It was recommended that the next meeting be held in January. No future items were discussed.

3. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO
WATER ADVISORY BOARD



Mike Boyd, Chairman

ATTEST:



Allison Strube, Secretary