

Water Advisory Board Minutes

WATER ADVISORY BOARD MINUTE RECORD The City of San Angelo Tuesday, February 13, 2018

OPEN SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED the Water Advisory Board convened in a meeting at 10 A.M., Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the San Angelo McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Texas. Board members present were Mike Boyd, Chuck Brown, Jonathan Jennings, Ben Wiese, Steve Floyd, Stan Meador and Roland Pena. Non-voting members present were Allison Strube. Staff members present were Michael Dane, Paulina Levy, Ann Pierce, 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 10 A.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 October 16th, 2017 Water Advisory Board regular meeting minutes
 Motion by Chuck Brown, seconded by Roland Pena. Passed unanimously.

to council, Stan Meador seconds that. All in favor.

- b. Late Fee Ordinance (Sec.A8.007) Update (Presentation by Water Utilities Director, Allison Strube)

 Allison provided an update of additional studies conducted since the last Advisory Board meeting. Staff proposes shortening the payment due date from 28 days to 25 days so that 15% may be calculated on the delinquent amount. Staff proposes changing from a \$25 late fee to a 15% late fee. Staff will take this to Council at a future date. Mike Boyd makes a motion that we recommend this
- c. <u>Presentation of 2018 Water Conservation Plan and discussion on Conservation Discounts</u> (Presentation by Water Conservation Coordinator, Paulina Levy)

Paulina Levy, the Water Conservation Coordinator presented an updated version of the Water Conservation Plan which highlighted successful past programs and proposed implementing a new program. Past programs that will remain in place include: water use and loss audits, metering of all new connects and retrofit of all old connections, automated meter reading, water conservation pricing, prohibition on water wasting, public information, school education, park conservation, showerhead and aerator distribution. The suggested additional program is a High Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebate program. HETs use 1.6 gallons per flush or less and only account for about 30% of toilets in San Angelo. In order to place more HETs throughout San Angelo, the utility would offer a rebate in the form of a water bill credit. To fund the program, the water utility would reappropriate the conservation discount funding toward this more robust conservation program. Mike Boyd suggested a partnership with plumbers that the utility will investigate. Stan Meador made the

motion to present to City Council the update to the water conservation plan and proposed HET program and Chuck Brown seconded. Passed unanimously.

d. <u>Update on Hickory Expansion (Presentation by Water Utilities Director, Allison Strube)</u>

Brief update given by Allison Strube. Water Utilities has ranked the firms and ranked them. Currently interviewing the highest ranked firm. Pressing forward soon so that Water Utilities can have the ability to pump and treat our full allocation and so construction can occur while the City still owns the ranch.

e. Announcements and Consider Future Agenda items

Next meeting around May.

3. Adjournment

Chuck Brown moved to end the meeting at 10:40 A.M., Stan Meador seconded.

THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO WATER ADVISORY BOARD

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Ben Wiese, Chairman

ATTEST:

Allison Strube, Secretary

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