City of Folsom

Utility Commission

Action Minutes

January 18, 2011, 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Cook, Kahlon, Oosterman, Ryan, Standley

Absent: Commissioners: Bringgold, Davis

Staff Present: Richard Lorenz, Public Works/Utilities Director; Todd Eising, Utilities Department; Stormy Hinkley, Utilities Department

Others Present:

1. MINUTES

Standley motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2010 and Kahlon seconded the motion.

AYES: Cook, Kahlon, Oosterman, Ryan, Standley
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Bringgold, Davis

2. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No Update

3. NEW BUSINESS

Standley motioned to nominate Ryan as Chair for the Utility Commission and Oosterman seconded the motion.

AYES: Cook, Kahlon, Oosterman, Ryan, Standley
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Gringgold, Davis

Ryan motioned to nominate Standley as Vice-Chair for the Utility Commission and Kahlon seconded the motion.

AYES: Cook, Kahlon, Oosterman, Ryan, Standley
NOES:

ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Gringgold, Davis

Eising gave a brief introduction on the handout from the City Attorney, stating that the City Attorney will be giving a briefing at the following meeting.

Eising gave a snapshot of the Meter Implementation Plan and discussed the progress. The City-wide fixed network system is currently being installed and tested. The City is on track to meet the 2013 deadline. Eising briefed the Commissioners regarding that the original plan is being modified to include a full City-wide deployment of the fixed network system rather than a 10 year roll-out, which creates the need to use the 1-year contingency that the City Council gave staff in meeting the 2013 regulatory deadline. The conversion of metered rates will now take place January 1, 2013 with the comparative billing starting in January 1, 2012. Commissioners and Eising discussed water conservation grants and the role of water conservation under the new metering plan.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Rate Update

Eising stated that the City is at the beginning stages of data collection for the Sewer, as well as Water and Solid Waste. We are moving forward with efficiencies and looking at the CIP's. We will bring budget information, as well as the rate study to the Commission as it becomes available.

b. Utilities Reports

Sewer Update:

Eising discussed the Regional Sanitation District's Permit and what that would mean to regional rates. Eising briefed the Commission that the RWQCB approved the permit and now SRCSD is appealing the Permit to the State Board. Eising updated the Basin 6 Diversion Project as being nearly complete.

Water Update:

Eising discussed the East Tank project, which consists of recoating the interior and exterior of the tank and modifying the piping to the tank. The tank in near homes and the neighbors were notified as sandblasting can be very noisy. A two-year leak detection program is moving forward using Water Systems Optimization to do the field leak study. Once the repairs are identified, the City will apply for a grant to fix those repairs.

Solid Waste Update:

No Update

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Eising reviewed the handout of the tentative Utility Commission schedule for the upcoming year. Eising discussed the upcoming budget process and the likelihood of forming working groups, as was done last year, to review the proposed budget. He will bring the transfers out summary to the next Commission meeting. Ryan asked that staff include in the transfers out summary an update on where the department currently stands in this year's budget.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted,

Stormy Hinkley, Administrative Assistant

Attachments: Agenda; Minutes for October 19, 2010; Memo from Bruce Cline, City Attorney;2011 Utility Commission Schedule; Utility Commission Roster; Handout of the Water Meter Implementation Plan; Handout on CVWB Permit; Two Memos regarding New State Wastewater Discharge Permit and Potential SRCSD Rate Increase;