

City of Folsom
Utility Commission
Action Minutes
September 20, 2011, 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Davis, Cook, Oosetrman, Ryan

Absent: Commissioners: Bringgold, Kahlon, Standley

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

Others Present:

1. MINUTES

Cook motioned to approve the minutes of April 19, 2011, July 19, 2011, and August 16, 2011, Standley seconded the motion.

AYES: Davis, Cook, Oosetrman, Ryan

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Bringgold, Kahlon, Standley

2. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No Business

3. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Rate/Fee Update

Lorenz stated that Eising would be addressing the two questions raised by the Commission at the last meeting. The first question related the Solid Waste Rate as to what would be the recommendation to the City Council. The second question regarded the final outcome of the water commodity rate adjustment.

Eising recapped the recommended solid rate reduction presented at the previous meeting. Davis asked if the City was still contemplating bidding out the rolloff. Lorenz said it would be a work in progress through this fall. Ryan asked that the commission be briefed on conversation regarding

privatization. Lorenz, stated that our next program is to look at how we are going to manage collections and will be able to give a briefing at the next meeting.

Regarding Waste Connections, Ryan stated that from the stand point of a major employer I think it would be nice to know that the City is doing everything it can to work with them to hopefully keep their headquarters here in Folsom. At some point if you could brief the commission on those activities and let us know whether or not we are likely to continue to have a relationship with them or if they are planning to leave since it will impact the community.

Eising stated that the recommendation of the Finance Director and staff is that at this point no rate change is what is going to be presented and see what direction City Council gives staff. Eising continued with a recap of the water rate study. The overall rate included the two year rate increase – for the first year is a \$4 increase and the second year is a \$2 increase which is what the metered rates are based off of. That is where the focus is now and as we go to metered rate we need to track these numbers to insure we will be where we need to be going into year 2013.

As far as next steps, Staff will present a full presentation to the City Council in September, however the formal public hearing will be in October 11. It is delay due to a mailing issue with the Proposition 218 Flyer the City had with the Post Office. At that time Staff will present the two year water rate, the 2013 residential City wide meter rate increase as well as the solid waste rolloff rate increase and the solid waste rolloff fee increase.

Lorenz stated that he would give a briefing at the next meeting on how the City plans to manage collections in the future.

a. Utilities Reports

i. Sewer Update

Eising presented updated information pertaining to regional wastewater coordination.

Eising stated that the City partnered with the County for a benchmarking group. The group will look at how things are done in wastewater within the region. This group will be looking at bench markings, performance measures and group lobbying for regional and state wide items. The commission will be presented with the finding from this group as information is available.

ii. Water Update

Eising presented updated information pertaining to the Water line break at Sutter Middle School. He informed the commissioners that the line is a 50 year old line that was on the list to be replaced but was waiting funding. The Sutter Middle School water line break is about near completion. However, the cost for replacing the line under an emergency is significantly higher that if it were scheduled as a Renewal/Replacement Project.

iii. Solid Waste Update

Nothing was presented by Lorenz on Solid Waste

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted,

Stormy Hinkley, Administrative Assistant

Attachments: Agenda; Minutes