

Water Utility Board
Meeting/Workshop
4/3/2021 – 1:30PM
Town Hall
Approved Minutes

Attendees: Councilman Hansen
Kent Harker
Bruce Hemming
Boyd Siddoway
Terry Wilson
Frank Young

Minutes:

- 1) Opened (Chairman Siddoway)**
- 2) Approved the Agenda**
- 3) The Meeting's objectives are to finalize our reviews of the OPEN COMMENTS responses, Update our Ordinance Recommendations and then reported such to the Council at their May 6th Workshop.**
- 4) Our recommendation addresses the following parts of the existing Ordinance:**

CURRENTLY

TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS
50. CULINARY WATER
51. WATER CONSERVATION
52. LIQUID ASSETS MAN

53. WATER SERVICE FEES

RECOMMENDATION

Title V: **Water Utility** (*name change*)
Chapter 50: **Regulations** (*replace 50*)
Chapter 51: (*no change*)
Chapter 52: (*no change*)
Chapter 53: Definitions (*new / additional*)
Chapter 54: **Fees** (*replace existing 53*)

The Open Comments session from April 15th thru April 29th, although disappointing in the lack of participation and the small number of responses, we were delighted and thankful for the suggestions and comments we did receive.

The most significant themes and our plans as a result of the comments are:

1. The objective of the Open Comments was seeking comments regarding our planned recommendation, 71% of the comments were directed to a specific section. Based on the comments we received, we have modified 11 different sections to reflect your input and thus we believe, improved our overall recommendation.
2. The second highest was directed towards costs. Just under 40% reference a fee section. See number 3 for plans.
3. The responses overall indicated a misunderstanding or a lack of understanding of the Water Utility's uniqueness, function, operation and funding model. Our plan over the next several months is to address the cost issue as well as to inform everyone a little more about your water system. Please watch your water bill and the Town's web site for our message in the Town's Newsletter.

Plans/Recommendations:

Made our official recommendation to the Council.

Forwarded our recommendation to the Town Attorney for his comments.

Once he has approved them, post on the Town's website before moving the recommendation forward to the Ordinance's three reading process.

We really appreciated those who took their time to respond. They were very helpful.