

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2018, IN THE LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED AT 201 S. CORTEZ STREET, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Lamerson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES MEMBERS:

Present:

Chairman Jim Lamerson
Member Steve Blair (arrived 9:06 a.m.)
Member Steve Sischka

Staff Present:

Michael Lamar, City Manager
Clyde Halstead, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Leslie Graser, Water Resource Manager
Craig Dotseth, Public Works Director
Teresa Ogle, Administrative Assistant

C. Approval of Minutes for the September 4, 2018 Meeting

COUNCILMAN SISCHKA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF September 4, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

Item E. WSA 18-011 (Routson) - allocation no longer required by applicant. WSA 18-011 Voided.

CHAIRMAN LAMERSON 2ND. PASSED (2.0). (COUNCILMAN BLAIR NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE)

D. 2018 Water Policy Extension

Clyde Halstead provided an overview for consideration of a 6-month extension to the City's 2018 Water Management Policy, previously adopted by Resolution No. 4411-1620. The current policy expires at the end of December. To allow consultants Herb Dishlip and Gary Woodward time to complete their work on a long-term management tool, and economics overview of the portfolio, it is recommended that the current policy be extended until June 30, 2019.

It was recommended that the remaining alternative water, general pool (300 AF), be made available for use as part of this extension, and include 50 AF of transferred vacant, residentially-zoned set aside as outlined in the 2018 policy, for a total available volume of 350 AF through June of 2019.

Subsequent meetings will be held with the consultants.

MEMBER SISCHKA MADE A MOTION THAT THIS REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE 2018 WATER POLICY PROCEED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION. CHAIRMAN LAMERSON 2ND. PASSED (2-0). (COUNCILMAN BLAIR NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE)

E. Water Service Agreement Applications

Four (4) Water Service Agreement Applications have been received since the last meeting conducted on September 4, 2018. Three of the applications are able to be administratively approved in accordance with the water policy. The remaining application, WSA 18-016, will need review for Council Subcommittee recommendation.

WSA 18-014 (Hultquist)

The request for supplies was in the amount of 0.25 AF/year and was provided from the CVID Reservation. In accordance with City water policy the contract was administratively approved.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE MADE NO RECOMMENDATION, AS THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

WSA 18-015 (Nankey)

The request for supplies was in the amount of 0.25 AF/year and was provided from the CVID Reservation. In accordance with City water policy the contract was administratively approved.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE MADE NO RECOMMENDATION, AS THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

WSA 18-016 (Emberlin)

An application was filed by Tim Emberlin, owner of APN 105-04-174F, on September 9, 2018, seeking an alternative water allocation for a forty (40) unit apartment complex. The property is located within a subdivision identified for groundwater allowance. See Attachments 1 and 2

The Legal Department has recommended the project use the 26 remaining units of groundwater allowance associated with the plat, and the remaining 14 units receive an alternative water allocation of 2.1 AF.

Clyde Halstead explained that there are currently no policies that state that the applicant is/isn't entitled to request additional water. It would be up to the Committee to make a determination on a case-by-case basis on whether they want to make a recommendation to Council to provide alternative water or not. There will be a future discussion about Prescott Lakes in general, once reviews are completed by outside experts.

Chairman Lamerson voiced concerns about making a recommendation to Council on this item, when the Committee isn't clear on where we are currently. Chairman Lamerson added that he does not want to set a precedent for future requests.

City Manager Lamar agreed that once we get to the bottom of what we have, then better educated decisions can be made.

Member Blair asked how the parcels are being allocated. Clyde Halstead explained that when the state increases our groundwater for each of these units, it will be at .34 acre feet. The City will not be allocating these out at .15 for the groundwater units.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT PROCEED TO COUNCIL.

WSA 18-017 (Rhys-Evans)

The request for supplies was in the amount of 0.55 AF/year and was provided from the CVID Reservation. In accordance with City water policy the contract was administratively approved.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE MADE NO RECOMMENDATION, AS THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

F. Presentation by the Citizen's Water Advocacy Group

Gary Beverly and Leslie Hoy presented the Group's ideas on future opportunities for indoor and outdoor water conservation. Recommendations included:

- Reactivating the Water Conservation Advisory Committee
- Improve water conservation incentives
- Modernize code
- Review block rate structure
- Revise code to reduce water use by new development
- Consider additional incentives to reduce water use by existing development
- Increase public education

It was noted that water conservation incentive awards have dropped off since 2008/2009. Member Sischka stated part of this decline can be attributed to the fact that houses built since 2009 are much more "Water Smart". And it was also noted that when the program first started, there were many older homes who took advantage of retrofitting incentives.

Member Blair also recommended that homeowners work with landscape professionals to ensure efficiencies in their watering systems.

Chairman Lamerson reminded the group that Prescott has been diligent in implementing water conservation programs, and has had huge success in reducing water use, stating that it is important for CWAG to work with other communities who have not yet implemented water saving programs.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE MADE NO RECOMMENDATION AS THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

G. Summary of activities related to the Big Chino Water Ranch and Comprehensive Agreement No. 1.

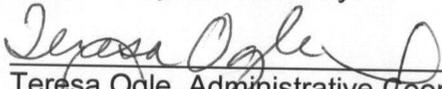
Leslie Graser reviewed recent CA#1 activities. The 5th Annual Report of the CA#1 will be completed in October. Leslie also discussed recent Big Chino Water Ranch property activities, including an update on the data collection by HydroGeophysics, Inc., a sub-consultant of ITC.

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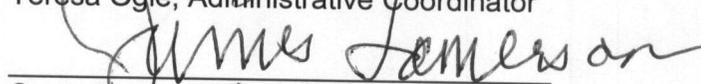
H. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Teresa Ogle, Administrative Coordinator



Councilman Jim Lamerson, Chairman

Date: 1/10/19