



DELTA CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, June 18, 2020
RJ Law Community Center
75 West Main
Delta, Utah 84624-9440

PRESENT

John W. Niles, Mayor	Betty Jo Western, Council Member
Brett C. Bunker, Council Member	
Kiley J. Chase, Council Member	
Nicholas W. Killpack, Council Member	Robert W. Banks, Council Member

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherri Westbrook, City Recorder	Barbara Nickle
Michelle Lovejoy, Head Librarian	Erma Maxfield
Adam Richins	Leslie Works
Todd Anderson, City Attorney	Elise Harris
Dent Kirkland, Public Works Director	Payton Harris
Mason Richins, Intern	Matt Ward, Millard County Chronicle Progress
Howard Quackenbush III	Darlene Dewsnap
Jane Beckwith	Alan Deswnup
Mont Yates	Travis Stanworth
David Styler	

Mayor Niles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated that notice of the time, place and the agenda of the meeting had been posted at the RJ Law Center, on the Delta City website, on the Utah Public Notice website, had been provided to the Millard County Chronicle-Progress, LLC and to each member of the City Council at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Niles conducted roll call. Council Members Banks, Bunker, Chase, Western and Killpack were present.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE IRRIGATION SERVICE PROVIDED BY DELTA CITY

Leslie Works asked how long they were going to be able to get irrigation water in Delta City limits? Mayor John Niles replied that this would probably be the last summer. Works asked what will happen to the property that is the City's property that surrounds her property and is currently maintained by irrigation water. Public Works Director Dent Kirkland remarked that it is up to the

property owner to maintain the right-of-way, but that the City does spray the shoulders of the roads.

Mont Yates asked about what was going to happen to the ditches, and if there would be any opportunity to keep watering on their own? Kirkland remarked that they will bury them if not in use, or they could be used as storm drains, it would be between Yates and the Canal Company to continue that service. Attorney Anderson said Delta City is no longer going to maintain the ditches from the Canal Company through the Delta System to citizens anymore; it is just not financially feasible to maintain it any longer. Citizens can choose to maintain and utilize the easement.

Council Member Western remarked that this service is costing Delta City \$17,000 a year including labor, with revenue of \$3,000. This service is only used by approximately 17 properties.

Leslie Works asked if the ditch tax would be eliminated. It should only be charged to users that use it.

Jane Beckwith asked what percentage of the budget the \$17,000 is, and if costs could be cut elsewhere to keep providing the service. Beckwith doesn't believe that this is financially unfeasible, and is worried about water pressure, which she already has a problem with. Council Member Killpack didn't think that adding on 17 properties will affect the water pressure that much. Beckwith asked if the City would be willing to help bring the water for a sprinkler line out to her yard. Beckwith doesn't like the idea of using culinary water for watering the yard.

Council Member Killpack said that the property owners could get together and form an organization on their own to maintain the irrigation water.

Dave Styler asked what percentage of that \$17,000 was going to watering the City properties, and if you took off that portion, how much would be left? Delta North uses irrigation water but will be doing what needs to be done in the future. Styler wondered if they could open up the gates for that side of the town when they irrigate the City Park. Styler fears that a lot of these places will degrade and feels that the City should consider the beautification of the City.

Council Member Chase asked if they would be willing to pay more in ditch tax. The public would like to know how much the tax would be. Council Member Killpack suggests making an enterprise and the City would pay their part. Attorney Anderson advised that water users would pay for how much water they use, and how big their lots are.

Council Member Killpack suggested that they continue to do it as long as the other taxpayers don't have to continue to subsidize it. Council Member Bunker would like to crunch numbers and have the public come back to revisit this, and the City would pay their part.

Council Member Western asked the public if they would like to continue to use irrigation water and they said yes. Styler thinks there is a beautification part of this and would like Delta City to put in a little more for that cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



JOHN WESLEY NILES
MAYOR

SHERRI WESTBROOK
CITY RECORDER

MINUTES APPROVED: 7/15/2020