

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH  
PUBLIC HEARING  
OCTOBER 4, 2012

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker	Mayor
Robert Banks	Council Member
John Niles	Council Member
Betty Jo Western	Council Member

ABSENT

Steven Pratt	Council Member
Tom Stephenson	Council Member

ALSO PRESENT

Gregory Jay Schafer	City Recorder
Alan Riding	Public Works Director
Todd Anderson	City Attorney
Robert Worley	Sunrise Engineering
Howard Quackenbush	City Resident
Brett Bunker	City Resident
Peggy Bryner	Sherwood Water Company
Dean Draper	Millard County Chronicle/Progress

Mayor Bunker called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated that notice of the public hearing had been posted at the City Building and on the Utah Public Notice website and was provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting.

Mayor Bunker stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment regarding the environmental assessment conducted on the Sherwood Water Project.

Mayor Bunker requested that Robert Worley, Sunrise Engineering Company, review the environmental assessment for the benefit of those in attendance. Mr. Worley said that, prior to the environmental assessment becoming a final document, a public hearing must be held and that is the purpose of this meeting. Mr. Worley noted that the assessment must also include a copy of the minutes of the public hearing and a copy of the certification of publication for the meeting. When those documents become available, they will be attached to the environmental assessment and the assessment will be submitted to the Division of Drinking Water. The funding which has been offered to Delta City for the Sherwood Water Project requires that an environmental assessment be performed. Once the environmental assessment has been submitted to the Division of Drinking

Water, the Division will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, then Delta City will advertise the finding for thirty days, during which comments will be received and addressed. After the thirty day period has expired and all comments have been addressed, the environmental assessment is complete. Therefore, this meeting tonight does not present a final, completed document; this is one of the steps required to prepare the final document.

The project that is being proposed is to install a pipeline from Delta City to the Sherwood Shores subdivision. The pipeline would go west from Delta Main Street to Gunnison Bend Reservoir, then go under the reservoir into Sherwood Shores subdivision. In addition to running the pipeline to deliver water service, there will be some improvements to the existing water system, including radio-read meters, backflow prevention devices on all services, and eight-inch distribution water lines installed in parts of the subdivision.

The environmental assessment is prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The description of the project has been sent to various agencies who have the opportunity to make comments on the project, including U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, NRCS, Soil Conservation Service, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Six County Association of Governments, the Ute Indian Tribe and all Utah State agencies. Of these agencies, the NRCS and the Army Corps of Engineers were the only agencies to respond and these agencies did not have concerns, they just provided some mitigation items to be addressed. Based on the findings of the environmental assessment and the information received from the agencies which responded, the mitigation necessary will be preventing silt from entering Gunnison Bend Reservoir, locating the directional drilling system such that the drilling mud does not go into the reservoir, and develop a plan as to how problems will be handled if they happen during the project. There will also be plans in place to minimize traffic, dust and noise around the project area.

Mayor Bunker opened the public hearing to comment from the public regarding the environmental assessment.

City Attorney Todd Anderson advised Mr. Worley that the environmental assessment incorrectly states, on pages 4 and 6, that Delta City is purchasing the Sherwood Shores Water Company. City Attorney Anderson stated that Delta City is not purchasing the company, as a whole, but is considering purchasing some assets owned by the company. City Attorney Anderson also noted that the same pages state that Delta City is going to create a special service district. At one point, that was the case but it has now been determined that it is improbable that Delta City will create the district and will be servicing Sherwood Shores customers directly. City Attorney Anderson explained that, on page 4 paragraph 2.2, he believes the population is incorrect. Page 17 section 4.8 needs clarification that Delta City residents all pay the same zonal base rate and residents of the Sherwood Shores subdivision will pay the Delta City residents' zonal base rate plus the additional rate for delivering water service to the residents outside of Delta City boundary limits, which amount has not been determined at this time.

Mayor Bunker had no corrections that had not been addressed by City Attorney Anderson. Mayor Bunker asked whether any Council Members or members of the public had any comments or

questions. Council Member Robert Banks asked how long it took to perform the environmental assessment. Mr. Worley answered that the assessment had been originally prepared for Sherwood Water Company and, when Delta City agreed to take over the project, it was adjusted accordingly. The entire assessment took approximately three months to complete.

There being no further comments, Mayor Bunker declared the public hearing adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

  
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GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor

  
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GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, MMC, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 10-18-12