

Mayor Lee Webster called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council Members present were Ramiro Villagrana, Tim Rieb, Dan Smith and Art Smyth. Council Member May joined via speaker phone. A quorum was present. Also present were City Clerk Misty Ruiz, Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson, Public Works Director Lynn Lawson, Roger Erlandsen and Eric Smith of Erlandsen & Associates.

CITY WATER ISSUES –

Eric Smith of Erlandsen & Associates reviewed their evaluation of the City Water System. He reviewed our existing water system including the possible causes of our Iron and manganese issue, review of contamination levels, short term alternatives and long term alternatives. He noted that our current water supply is not contaminated. The iron and manganese issues are primarily affecting our supply lines and water meters by plugging with these substances and affecting flow. Smith stated that these minerals are naturally occurring and there is no real way to completely eliminate it from our system, however outlined some short and long term alternatives to help reduce them. These possible short term solutions include implementing a testing program, installing “clean outs” on our dead end lines, cleaning our reservoir supply sources and regularly scheduled system flushes to clear out the lines including valve exercises. Long term solutions include consideration of developing a new water source or blending of well water, chlorination and filtration, small concentration water softener, aeration or an oxidation filter. He hopes that by starting with the short term solutions, we will be able to avoid the more expensive and in depth long term solutions.

Smith and Erlandsen both believe this is a good starting point. This will be an evolving process and will have to be adjusted as we go forward, but believe it is a great step to solving the problem and are confident that the City is well on track to resolve it in the best manner for the City and the citizens.

Council Member May is pleased to hear that this process is being implemented. Mayor Webster noted that the valve exercise program should be implemented right away, as this has not been done in years to his knowledge. Public Works Director Lawson stated that the valve exercise program is a good idea, however, may take his crew longer due to the fact that they have having to hand turn all of these valves, some at 40+ turns per valve. We have several that are not working properly and it will be difficult to have an effective flush if we are not able to get them turned on and off properly. Assistant Public Works Director John LaBree stated that there is a portable valve turner available; however, the cost is \$6,988.95. Eric Smith stated that this is a mechanized valve key. Many water system programs utilize these valve keys and it is very useful. Lawson and LaBree both believe the purchase of the piece of equipment will be invaluable to the crew and the current water issue we have and helping expedite the process.

MOTION: **Council Member Smyth made the motion to approve the purchase of the portable valve turner at a cost of \$6,988.95. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and the motion passed with Council Member Villagrana, Council Member Rieb, Council Member Smyth and Council Member Smith in favor.**

CITY BASKETBALL COURT FENCING:

Public Works Director Lynn Lawson presented Council with a bid from Chaparral Fence for the cost of fencing the basketball court. For a four sided, 12’ high fence with two walk through gates and a drive through gate, the cost will be \$19,000. Council requested that Lawson obtain bids from other fence companies before a decision is made. They would also like quote comparisons for fencing all four sides and for fencing only three sides (east/west/street side). Public Works Director Lawson will get the requested quotes and hopes to have them available by the

August Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council regarding the Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz