

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Dennis Bass.
3. Roll Call: Neil Duncan, Harold Merritt, Mayor Moser, and Dennis Bass were present. Kevin Sair was excused
4. Declarations of conflict of interests.

None Stated.
5. Public hearing for the imposition of water rates for the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District.

Rod Mills explained that they had done a study to determine a feasible and reasonable water rate. He said that the funding agencies based their funding on the premise that residents could afford 1.75% of the Mean Annual Gross Income (MAGI). He said that they had also looked at methods to encourage water conservation. This is why the proposed rate is a tiered rate. He said that the bulk of their water usage data that they had received came from Cedar Point Water Company. Based on that information, the rates were calculated. He said that the proposed rates structure included a base rate that did not include any water, followed by a tiered rate structure. He said that the goal was to run each resident's actual usage through the formula and hit an average monthly water bill of about \$46.50 per user.

Zennif Hathiway asked about the average usage.

Nathan Bronemann explained that the value on the handout was an arbitrary value for demonstration purposes only, and not an average.

Lanie Groves asked how they had come up with standby fees of \$30.

Chairman Bass explained that the reason for those fees was to pay for replacing the system.

Doug Randall said that he appreciated that those who used less would be charged less.

Bonnie Maddocks said that she had called surrounding areas and that the proposed rate was much lower than surrounding areas.

Mayor Moser explained that tonight's purpose was to hear the public opinion to help to make a decision on the water rates. He encouraged everyone to give their opinion.

Jack Davis said that in Cedar Point they were good with their water. He said that in Apple Valley proper, their insurance rates had increased. He said that upgrading the system would help that issue.

Charlie Greco said that he had been paying \$600 for insurance and that it had recently jumped to \$900. He said that if some insurance companies had not yet raised the rates, that they soon would.

Motion made by Mayor Moser to close the public hearing. Neil Duncan seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

6. Consider approval of minutes:

a. March 7, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Moser to approve the March 7, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

Neil Duncan seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

7. Request for a closed session

None requested.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Moser to adjourn the meeting. Harold Merritt seconded the motion.

Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:19 PM.

Date approved: _____

ATTEST BY: _____

Nathan Bronemann

Chairman Dennis Bass