

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday December 13th, 2016-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman-Ron Gabbett called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:04P.M. The Norwood Water Commission of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at the Norwood Community Center, 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, Colorado. Those being present were as follows:

Present: Chairman-Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Mike Morlang, Jim Jensen

Staff: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Michelle Jensen-Secretary, Tim Lippert-ORC

Absent:

Others:

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the November 8th, 2016 minutes and the December 2016 bills and accounts as presented. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda: none

Add Raw Water to Old Business

Motion by Jim Wells to add Update on Raw Water to the agenda under Old Business. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

Public Hearing regarding rate increase:

1. Public comment:none
2. Board Decision:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to raise the water base rate from \$23 to \$25. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**. Mike Grafmyer amended the motion to raise the water base rate from \$23 to \$25 beginning with the January 2017 billing. Mike Morlang seconded the amended **motion**. **Yes-** Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Resolution 1213-W Series 2016-Approval of 2017 Budget:

1. Public comment:none
2. Resolution 1213-W Series 2016-Approval of 2017 Budget
The Norwood Water Commission would save \$22000 if they purchased all of the new meters at once. Lippert believes that with the 4th employee they will be able to install these

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meters themselves during the summer which would alleviate the cost of contracting out for meter installation. Patti did include in the budget over \$30000 to contract someone to install these meters. Grafmyer wants to make sure they are going to pay themselves back to the reserves. Patti explains part of the water sales and any money left over at the end of the year are earmarked to go back to the reserves.

Motion by Mike Morlang to approve the Resolution 1213-W Series 2016-Approval of 2017 Budget. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. Mike Grafmyer abstains due to being related to an employee. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Jim Wells is wondering what they are going to do if the raw water project ends at just installing the water shack. Kjome believes that it will come down to the water board, the town board and the community's input to decide this matter. Kjome believes that if this project ends at the Raw Water Dispenser, then the customers who purchased taps should receive their money back, if the raw water dispenser is built then people will not get their money back. The rest of the board agrees. Grafmyer points out that people are under the impression that they have an unlimited supply of water, which needs to be addressed. Patti says she spoke with Clay and he was wondering if the Board would approve the Senior Scholarship fund to be awarded by the end of the year. The Board doesn't have a problem with it.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Lippert reports they attended a lot of training in November including Neptune training and backflow training. Lippert says they have to start doing surveys for backflow prevention. The health department is leaving it up to the water commission on how to proceed, but they are targeting commercial taps. . Lippert states on December 14 the state will be here giving training on electronic reporting. Starting January 1st this will be mandatory. There is a 4th unregulated contaminate monitoring rule coming out this year. In other words the EPA is mandated to come up with so many regulated contaminate tests every 4 years. This will increase our testing budget.

We received an award for excellence in fluoride levels.

Lippert contacted Filter tech to figure out the glitch in the computer at the water plant that records the outflows. They are going to reset that.

Lippert will be going on vacation the 15th and be back the 23rd or 24th. Hiring will be done in January for the 4th employee.

Water Production versus Usage:

There have been several leaks near Coventry and with the glitch in the computer it was difficult to calculate an actual number.

Patti states she has an update on the Dam. She heard from Jason Ward and he promised it would be done the end of the year but she does not have the report yet. He did tell her that he did not see the classification of our dam changing, however that is not in writing yet. The Gurley Dam classification was done months ago and they are just waiting on the state to finish up their portion.

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Patti states her opinion regarding raw water and broadband infrastructure being put in at the same time. The county would like empty conduit for broadband installed into our open trenches as the raw water system is being put into place. San Miguel County supports the town with a lot and she would like the town to support the county and keep the amicable relationship going.

Board Member Reports:

none

Administrative Reports:

Patti hands out boundary maps, one is the fire district and one is the school district. She thought the board could get an idea of where they would like the water commission's boundaries to be from these maps. Gabbett thinks maybe we should get a copy of it and talk about it next meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion by Finn Kjome to adjourn the meeting at 8: 16P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:



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