

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

Steel Pipe Replacement Phase II - Public Hearing Minutes

FINAL

August 23, 2011

Present: **Boyd Siddoway, Mayor**
Kent Harker, Councilman
George "Al" Redlin, Councilman
Edwin Koch, Councilman
Carol Warren, Councilman

Call to Order, Roll Call of Councilmen, and Statement of Quorum: A Public Hearing was held August 23, 2011 at **Town Hall**. **Mayor Siddoway** called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM, and declared the existence of a quorum. Also present were Town Administrator Gregg Wilkes, Town Attorney Spencer Allred and Town Clerk Brenda Bauer.

A list of attendees (sign-in sheet) is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office

Statement of Purpose:

The single largest concern is associated with approximately 35,000 linear feet of older steel distribution piping.

The distribution system was leak tested by Utility Services Group (USG) in late 2007. USG identified water losses due to leakage totaling 260,000 gallons per day or over 90 million gallons annually.

Using that site-specific information, it was found that the areas of steel distribution piping represent 18% of the total piping and 90% of the identified system leakage. This steel piping also represents a disproportionate share of maintenance problems.

Phase I was completed last fall and represented about 1/3 of the total steel pipe in the Town's water system.

Phase II will be the remainder of steel pipe to be replaced.

We are applying for an approximately Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000.00) loan for 20 years at 0.0% interest with a 50% principal forgiveness. There is a 0.5% Loan Origination Fee.

This will increase our water base fee by approximately \$4.00 per month.

Mayor Siddoway explained the grant was due Monday August 22nd and it is a green project because of all the water we are wasting so that puts us at the top of the scale. We did a 1/3 of it last year with the same 50/50 deal. Since that time they have changed the rules and we are trying to countermand the information being published that you live in the 14th richest town

in Wyoming. This information was obtained from the Census. It states we are 29% higher than the state average, where Jackson is only 11% higher. The bad news is that the rules state that if you are below the states minimum they will give 100% forgiveness, if you're within this bracket you get 25% forgiveness, and if you are above it (which we are) there is no forgiveness. The Town will be approaching the state to ask for the terms to be the same as the grant we received last year on the premise that the State had requested we split our project.

Ron Thacker states he does not agree that our town is higher than Jackson and feels it should be followed up on.

Councilman Harker stated Kemmerer is higher than us which is understandable as they have the oil fields but Diamondville is below average but is located directly next to Kemmerer.

Jeff Eason feels it is important to remember that Jackson has a service industry and we have a professional industry who live here but Jackson has multi-family units and many are lower income.

Adjournment:

Councilman Harker moved that The Town of Star Valley Ranch adjourn the Steel Pipe Replacement Phase II Hearing. Councilman Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:02 PM

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Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Date

Attest: _____
Brenda Bauer, Clerk

Date