

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

Steel Pipe Line Replacement Public Hearing Minutes

FINAL

December 13, 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 December 13, 2011 at **Town Hall**. **Mayor Siddoway** called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and declared the existence of a quorum.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: After welcoming everyone **Mayor Siddoway** lead the recitation of ***The Pledge of Allegiance***

Adopt the Agenda:

Councilman Redlin made a motion to approve the agenda as described. Councilman Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Siddoway explained this project started over three years ago to replace the steel pipe. The Town went to the SLIB board for some funds that were available. Our project was declared a green project, which put us at the top of the list. The green classification was based on the fact that we were losing so much water out of the steel pipes based on the leak tests that were completed. At that time we applied for a \$3 million dollar grant, that grant came with 50% principle forgiveness. The loan we agreed to was zero percent interest for 20 years. The State came back to us and asked that since it was going to take us more than one year to complete this project, would we be willing to split it into two phases since that would help them to support more projects around the state. We did as they asked and last year we replaced all of the steel pipe that we knew of in the north end of Town. The Town went back to the State last year and we were told they were not quite done making the rules yet, so to come back the next year. We went back this year and were told that the rules have changed and we would only receive 25% forgiveness because the Town of Star Valley Ranch has been declared the 15th richest town in Wyoming. The Town has been approved for \$2 million dollars with 25% forgiveness and 75% loan with no interest for 20 years. Because the Governor and others on the SLIB board were sympathetic to our increased costs due to the rule changes, the Governor suggested we should look for further grant possibilities. The Town has applied for a Mineral Royalties Grant for an additional half million dollars to help us with the grant money we lost due to the rules change. There is a meeting on the 19th of January in Cheyenne that Mayor

Siddoway and Councilman Harker will attend to assure the Town receives the additional funds.

Steel Pipe Replacement Project - Phase II

Planned Installation: Summer of 2012
Construction Area: Vista Drive to Cedar Creek Drive
plus some in Plat 4

	Approved	Requesting
Project Cost Estimate	\$2,098,600	\$2,098,600
SLIB* - Additional Request "Mineral Royalties Grant"		\$ 500,000
SLIB* - Approved "State Revolving Fund"		
25% Principal Forgiveness	\$ 524,650	\$ 399,650
75% Loan	\$ 1,573,950	\$ 1,198,950
20 year term		
-0-% Interest		
Annual Payment	\$ 78,698	\$ 59,948
Monthly Water Bill Impact	\$ 6.25	\$ 4.76

* SLIB = State Land and Investment Board

Shay Smith of Forsgren Engineering described the areas (Plats 4,5, 12, 13, 14, 16 & 17) that they have found that still have steel lines that will be replaced with 6 & 8 inch lines. This will be good for the Town since we can install fire hydrants on those lines. In most cases the pipes will be installed near the road shoulder and may be crossing some driveways. The contractor will probably use two or more crews. The work should begin in June and we hope to finish by October. There is approximately 20,000 linear feet of pipeline to be replaced. Road restoration will be done once work on the water lines is completed.

Residents may see workers this winter in plats 4 & 5, they are determining the location of steel pipe and will be doing more once the snow is gone.

After the approval of funding is received on the 19th of January, the Town will advertise the project for bids for 31 days. Our goal is to have the bid opening in February. The Town would like to award the bid in the March Council meeting and then the contractor would have 15 days to submit all their paperwork. The contractor will work the same hours as they have in the past, about 7AM to 7 PM and will continue to have weekly update meetings with the Mayor and Council to discuss project progress and any issues there may be.

As the new pipe is installed a tracer wire is being installed along the pipe enable the location of the pipes more precisely in the future.

Council Comments: None

Public Comments:

Kathy McCann asked if the only plats that have steel pipe are the ones that were displayed in the map shown. **Shay Smith** answered that is correct. If residents know of any other steel lines they should notify the Town. **Kathy McCann** also asked if some of the pipe that was originally installed was plastic and **Mayor Siddoway** responded yes.

Ron Thacker asked if the Town had information about how much water is being saved because of the pipe replacement on the north end of Town and does the Town have projections for how much water will be saved on the next project. **Shay Smith** answered that before we started the project we had someone come in and complete a leak test and we will have him back to complete another one once the next project is complete. The leaks wasted more water than we are selling. It was found that about 20% of the pipes in the system were steel and that 20% accounted for about 80% of the wasted water.

Ron Denney asked how much contingency is in the cost for other repairs continuing on. Shay Smith answered that the Town is at a 10% contingency. **Mayor Siddoway** explained that there have been many more feet of pipe installed during these projects due to the low price.

Councilman Harker mentioned that this money can only be used for steel pipes.

Adjournment:

Councilman Redlin moved that **The Town of Star Valley Ranch adjourn this Steel Pipe Line Replacement Public Hearing. Councilman Harker** seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:53 PM

Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

Date

Attest: _____
Brenda Bauer, Clerk

Date