

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

### January 16, 2018

NAME	AREA REPRESENTED	PRESENT	ABSENT
Greg York	New Castle Mayor	X	
Dave Barker	Director of Public Works & Safety	X	
Dave Copenhaver	City Attorney	X	
Kenny Melton	Building Commissioner		X
Greg Phipps	Superintendent Waterworks		X
Ed Hill	GIS Coordinator	X	
Mark Stacy	Utility Office Manager	X	
Fred Duvall	Superintendent Non-Cert. Wastewater	X	

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Barker at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Barker asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Duvall made the motion to approve them as presented, with Mr. Coenhaver seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Duvall told the Board a backup was reported in Hospital Heights last Friday Night. He dispatched a crew and it was cleared Saturday.

Mayor York reported several water main breaks occurred over the weekend. One on Spiceland Road caused Red River Addition, Jamestown Apartments, and surrounding businesses to lose service for a few hours and triggered a boil water advisory. The Mayor said a driver lost control and damaged a fire hydrant. The repair took many hours, and the water system drained completely causing the service disruption. Mayor York asked Mr. Copenhaver if the City could collect damages from the insurance carrier of the driver involved. Mr. Copenhaver responded yes, and asked that all cost be documented and forwarded to him, and he would draft the letter to start the claim process. Mayor York also stated that utilities have recently been mismarked in the field and during excavation have been hit, resulted in down time, and wasted money while the repairs are made. He again asked Mr. Copenhaver if the cost could be collected from the Utility Company involved. Mr. Copenhaver said it would be more difficult to prove negligence but again asked that all associated costs be documented and forwarded to his office. Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve utility adjustments dated January 3, 2018 to January 12, 2018 in the amount of -\$2537.32. Mr. Duvall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS:** Mr. Stacy was asked previously how long it will take to replace all meters with the remote read type. His calculations put it at 32 years at the current pace. He asked if the Board would consider the Wastewater contributing to the purchase in order to acquire twice the number of remote read meters monthly, and have them all replaced in half the time. Mayor York asked if they would be able to install the meters with available personnel. Mr. Stacy said Mr. Phipps believes changes in scheduling would free personnel to accomplish the task. It was suggested that the back log be cleared and then assessed to ensure the extra units could be installed in the timeline envisioned. Mr. Barker asked if the meters being purchased today are superseding the meters already installed. Mr. Stacy said

the only design changes so far have involved the battery. All of the new meters are equipped with 30 year life batteries.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ed Hill

Next meeting: Monday, February 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.