

## TUESDAY MAY 19, 2020 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

The work meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirk Hunsaker at 5:00 p.m.

**Council Members Attending:** Mayor Kirk Hunsaker, Council Member Nicholas Miller, Council Member Betsy Montoya, Council Member Lynn Mecham, Council Member David Hathaway

Other's Attending: City Manager Benjamin Reeves, Assistant City Manager Norm Beagley, Community Development Director Jason Bond, City Attorney Brett Rich, Summit Creek Irrigation Board

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Water Wielding

City Manager Reeves defined water wielding and talked about the benefits it would bring to the shareholders. Summit Creek Irrigation Board President Phil Rowley asked about how many shareholders are interested in water wielding and another board member responded about 43 interested shareholders in wielding only a couple of shares for easier access to their water.

The Council shared their concerns that the 1) city is not currently using all the water and there is concern on storage capacity of more water in the system that would not be used and 2) the city would lose revenue from those users without an equal revenue to offset the loss.

The board proposed that Summit Creek Irrigation System could do a study on wielding but the reason why the list of shareholders has not been given to the city is because there is concern of solicitation and disbursement of the shareholder's information. City Manager Reeves said that for this program to be run through the city they would need to know the technical specs of current irrigation systems set in place from interested water wielders, otherwise there would not be a way for the city to set up such a system.

Phil Rowley suggested that there are two use cases for wielding 1) lot users and 2) agricultural users and that a study needs to be done to understand the feasibility of wielding for those users before a decision could be made. Tod Rowley said that a joint wielding committee with representative from both parties could be formed to look at those who wish to water wield on a case by case basis for feasibility as well as establish guidelines and criteria for water wielding. The Council agreed that was a good idea.

Ways to improve safety around Summit Creek Irrigation infrastructure were discussed.

Tod Rowley said that they should start working on putting the joint water wielding committee and Mayor Hunsaker suggested that both sides submit names for consideration.

Other

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Hunsaker adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Kirk F. Hunsaker, Mayor

K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder