MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1993 BUDGET & WATER & SEWER PROJECT INFORMATION HELD AT THE CITY CENTER MAY 27, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D. Lynn Crook at 7PM. Councilmembers present: Gerald Fowkes, Max Holman, Hortt Carter, David Hathaway and Keith Broadhead. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith.

Citizens present: Earl Jarvis, Freeman Whatcott, ElRay Davis and Floyd Alder.

Update on Water & Sewer Project:

Mayor Crook reported the water project would cost 1.6 million dollars. The first estimate was 1.5 million. This increase is a result of a decision to change to ductile pipe. He further stated this project is being funded by 0% interest loans from two state agencies.

Mayor Crook reported the well was done and pumped 988 gallons per minute. That the tank and spring development would be completed in September.

Mayor Crook reported there were problems obtaining easements with the Forest Service and Wildlife Resources. They had to ask help from Congressmen and the Governor with these negotiations. Mayor Crook stated the tank site was moved four times. That immediate occupancy was allowed through the court and final settlement would be in thirty days.

Mr. Whatcott ask when the new lines would be hooked up.

Answer - every day, as the project progresses.

Mr. Whatcatt ask if there would be a connection fee. Answer - no.

Mayor Crook stated there would be many benefits, including fire insurance reduction, from the new water system.

Mayor Crook reviewed the entire sewer project including:

- 1. Negotiations for grants and loans.
- 2. Public Hearings and meetings.
- 3. The election which the citizens voted 3 to 1 in favor of the sewer system.
- 4. The fruit growers protest and list of concerns.
- 5. Santaquin City's investigation and verification of all these concerns.
- A letter of questions sent to the fruit growers from Santaquin City regarding the impact of a sewer lagoon on surrounding orchards.
- 7. Other lagoon site options including connecting to Payson's treatment facility.
- 8. A letter sent to the Rowleys offering \$1,000 over appraised value to settle out of court.
- 9. The court has set the middle of October for trial dates. If either party appeals the decision to the Supreme Court an agreement could take another year.

Mayor Crook reported Santaquin was awarded a \$70,000 CDBG Grant to assist the low & moderate income residents with their sewer connection fee.

Mr. Jarvis ask about the sever fees.

Mayor Crook answered the suggested fees would be \$375 to connect during construction and \$600 to \$700 after construction. The monthly minimum would be \$14 plus \$.65 per 1,000 gallons of water used. Mayor Crook further stated this would need approval of the State funding agencies.

Mr. Whatcott asked if the ground was condemned would the \$1,000 increase offer apply. Answer - no.

ElRay Davis asked the funding agencies attitude toward the court condemnation. Answer - 100% support.

Mr. Davis asked if the lagoons were moved west of town would the property owners cooperate. Answer - fruit growers oppose a lagoon near any orchard.

1993 Budget Hearing: Mayor Crook reviewed the 1992 Budget saying it was in good shape. That a few departments had overspent, some departments had underspent and adjustments will be made at the next meeting. Mayor Crook further stated the following purchases had been made from the impact fees: a used 1987 Jimmy, 1/4 of a used loader, a new computer printer, a new fax machine and a new lawnmower.

Mayor Crook reported the 1993 Budget would be Santaquin's first million dollar budget. He reviewed the grants and the attached proposed budget stating it would be balanced and finalized at the June 2nd meeting. Mayor Crook stated a Water & Sewer Fund would be created. He ask if there were concerns or suggestions.

Floyd Alder ask where the liquor allotment came from. Answer - a percent of the profit from the state liquor stores based on population and to be used to enforce liquor laws.

Adjournment: At 7:45PM Keith moved to adjourn, Hortt seconded, passed 5-0.

Approved this 2nd day of June, 1992

D Jun Crook

Elaine Tasker, Recorder