

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING.
HELD FEBRUARY 28, 1991
AT THE SENIOR CENTER, 55 WEST 100 SOUTH
TO DISCUSS A SEWER SYSTEM IN SANTAQUIN

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D. Lynn Crook at 7PM. Councilmembers present: Marilyn Clayson, Dennis Lamb and Gerald Fowkes. Councilman Holman was at work and Councilman Broadhead was representing the City at a Mountainland meeting. Dee Clement offered the Invocation.

Present from Sunrise Engineer Inc.: Alden Robinson and Tony Fuller.

Present from F.H.A.: Paul Howard and Herald Schweppe.

Present from Water Pollution Control: Nancy Hess.

Citizens present: Earl Seeley, ElRay Davis, Merelda Davis, Joseph Davis, Bob Childs, Joe Crook, Sheri Schafer, Ross Taylor, LaMar Jarvis, Jessie Jarvis, Archie Johnson, Larry Johnson, Terry Gardner, Low Gardner, Edith Jarvis, Romona Roselund, Ina Clement, Ray Shepherd, John Trend, Dee Clement, Jack Stickney, Jannine Stickney, Robert Strange, Bob Strange, Berk Peterson, Clarice Peterson, Blanche Waters, JoLene Alexander, Carole Seeley, Douglas Shay, Lee Leifson, Brenda Leifson, Debra Hullinger, Jay Peterson, Elizabeth Robertson, Mike Robertson, LaRue Jensen, Reed Jensen, Terry Wing, Vickie Wing, Ron Peterson, Norris Peery, Floyd Alder, Duke Hudson, Florence Tanner, Joe Evans, Essie Higginson, George Higginson, Scott Fowden, Hottt Carter, Robert Gardner, Dick Kay, Lynn Smith, David Smith, Richard Greenhalgh, Della Hudson, Kent Wilkerson, Kirk Greenhalgh, Darwin Starks, Ned Rushton, John DeGraffenried, Ed Westover, Wade Garner, Sandra Gurney, Alan Gurney, Jay Cory plus many people who did not sign the register.

Mayor Crook stated that a "Survey", listing different projects for Santaquin City, was completed in May 1990. This Survey indicated that a sewer system was first or second choice on 90% of the completed forms. He stated that as a result of this information the Council, through Councilwoman Clayson, applied for funding for a Sewer Facilities Plan from Federal Sewage Works Grant. Mayor Crook stated that these funds would not be available after September 1990, that the Health Department placed Santaquin on the priority list for funding, that Santaquin received \$35,000 for a sewer study and Sunrise Engineering Inc. completed a Sewer Plan Proposal.

Councilwoman Clayson stated that she had been a Councilwoman for six years and the most complaints she received was that Santaquin did not have a sewer system. She further stated that working with U-VEDA and the Utah Economic Development Committee she was aware of industries which wished to locate here but could not because of no sewer. She stated that Sunrise Engineering Inc. would present their preliminary sewer plan.

Alden Robinson, Sunrise Engineer's, stated that they wished to make the public aware of their proposed plan, receive input and from this prepare a proposal for another Public Hearing. Mr. Robinson thoroughly reviewed the attached information.

Nancy Hess, Water Pollution Control, explained a Grant program which would be available until September 1991. She stated that the citizens would have to show support for the sewer system before Santaquin could receive any of these funds.

Paul Howard, F.H.A., explained their Grant Programs. He stated that they have more demand than ability to help. Mr. Howard also stated that individual grants or 1% interest loans were available, for very low income citizens, to help them connect to the sewer system.

A Jay Cory asked the location of the lagoons and was told west of the city.

Mike Robertson asked if there was irrigation restrictions on the recovered waste water. Mr. Robinson answered yes, they could not irrigate crops used for human consumption.

Sandra Gurney asked if the sewer fee would be in addition to the water bill and Councilwoman Clayson replied yes.

Jack Stickney asked if industry could help pay for the system. Mr. Robinson stated that everyone has to hook up if the plan is approved. That if hookups occurred later they would generate more revenue and improve the cash flow.

Sandra Gurney asked about the time frame to hook up. Tony Fuller, Sunrise Engineers, stated that once the system is in the monthly payments will begin.

Paul Howard, F.H.A., stated that the connection fees per households was up-front money they required from the City.

Mayor Crook stated that the City would borrow this money on short term basis to help the property owners have as much time as possible to pay this cost.

Mrs. Schaffer ask the cost for lines on private property. Mr. Robinson stated that it would be individual situations, that the cost would be \$5 to \$10 per foot.

Ned Rushton asked who paid this cost, answer the property owners.

Norris Peery asked who would determine where the property owner would connect to the main line. Mr. Robinson answered that the property owner would decide this before the project started.

Mr. Perry discussed other options of paying the connect fee.

Councilwoman Clayson stated that Grant money would be available for those who could not pay the connect fee.

Robert Strange asked if this proposal failed, how long before the Health Department would force the city to a sewer system. Paul Howard explained Santaquin's ranking on the Priority List because of health hazards. Mr. Strange asked how these complaints were verified and if everyone in the state were being forced to abandon septic tanks.

Mayor Crook stated that complaints were verified with calls to the Health Department. Mr. Crook further stated that they pursued a sewer system because of the citizen response on the "Survey", Grant Money provided for the Facility Plan plus the Grant Money that is available until September 1991.

Mr. Strange voiced concerns regarding a backup system in case of an earth quake. Mr. Robinson explained back-up check values.

Sandra Gurney stated that she appreciated the Council's efforts on this project, that we would have to do it sooner or later, so just as well start paying for it now and prepare for the future.

ElRay Davis, Trailer Park owner, asked if his park would be considered one resident or if each user would be counted. Mayor Crook stated that the Council had not determined this yet.

Wade Garner, new home owner, opposed having to connect as he had a new spetic system.

Councilwoman Clayson stated that every property owner would have to participate in order to help with needs now as well as in the future. She stated that Santaquin City needed to have planned growth.

ElRay Davis asked about the cost if we did the system later. Councilwoman Clayson replied that cost always go up plus we would not have Grant Money later.

John DeGraffenried, new home owner, stated that some homes maybe situated too low in elevation to make a hookup feasible. Mr. Robinson stated that every home must hookup, but extreme problems would evaluated.

Kent Wilkerson asked who paid for the main line to property line. Mr. Robinson replied that the city paid for the main line and the property owner paid the connection fee plus the line on his property.

Heber Butler stated that he was not for or against the project. He said that twenty years ago, when he was a member of the City Council, a sewer project was \$1,000,000 and the price goes up \$1,000,000 every five years.

Ed Westover voiced concerns of the location of the lagoons as it

would require pumping stations and they would require maintenance. He suggested that they pay more for property on the north end of town and eliminate pumping. Mr. Robinson answered that this was a good point that they would consider and take a closer look at.


Wade Garner stated that he was concerned with the cost and ask how long before E.P.A. would force us to have a sewer system. Paul Howard explained the tightening of Federal Regulations but said he had no time table. He further stated that we were running out of funding agencies.

Robert Strange voiced concerns regarding odor from the lagoons. Mr. Robinson said that they do smell in the spring. He suggested that we talk to people in other communities with a similar system.

Councilwoman Clayson thanked the funding people for coming to the meeting. She stated that another Public Hearing would be held in thirty days and they would provide more detailed information. She thanked the people for their comments and ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Approved this 19th day March, 1991.



Mayor D. Lynn Crook



Elaine Tasker, Recorder