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PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2008

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- 14. WELLS – Tim Layne will have to give approval to cross his property to get to the well site. Jim Boynton reported that he would know today when the pump testing on this well will begin. The cost of testing will be about \$3800.00. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize Jim Boynton to proceed with testing not to exceed \$3800.00. Ald. Brannan seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 15. RADIO READ METERS – Material about this type of meter was presented to the council. There was a discussion on the cost of about \$1200.00 per month to read and input meter readings. No action was taken at this time.**
- 16. WATER LEAK – Jim Boynton reported that we have found a major water leak at the Monteagle Motel. The building is vacant, but someone has turned the water on and it was leaking. There was about 800,000 gallons that went through the meter.**
- 17. WATER RATES – There was a discussion on reducing the rate now that we are not buying water. The council decided to postpone this to another meeting and check into our costs.**
- 18. SWIMMING POOLS – It was suggested that anyone who has a swimming pool to fill should do it now while the water is running over the spillway at the lake. Ald. Lay made a motion that the mayor and Jim Boynton be authorized to sell water wherever they feel we can until the water stops running over the spillway. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 19. BILL HARMON – Mr. Harmon has asked when the city could permit the rest areas to reopen. Ald. Lay made a motion that the mayor authorize to allow the state to reopen the rest areas while water is running over the spillway and until such time as the water is no longer doing so. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it carried 5/0.**

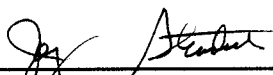
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CITIZENS HEARING

Ty Burnett asked for a copy of the Drought Management Plan and was told that a copy would be made available to him when it is finished.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder