

**Utility Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2009**

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**Members Present:** Chairperson John Goodrich; Vice-Chairperson Alice Richmond; Bill Bennett;  
Ray Kindley; Michael Monical

**Members Absent:** Gretchen Katko; Edward Keonjian

**Staff:** Gene Green, Public Works Director  
Jim Whynot, Water Operations Supervisor

**1. Call to order and introductions**

Chairperson Goodrich called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and introductions were made around the table.

**2. Approve last month's meeting minutes.**

Bill Bennett moved to approve the September minutes as presented; Michael Monical seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Rate structure draft memo discussion**

Members discussed finalizing the draft memo of a previous meeting, expressing support for the Council's direction for further analysis of the 3-tiered rate structure and preliminary ballot initiatives. They generally agreed that a minimum base rate for low income seniors or disabled should be considered. Gene Green said that the rate study consultant would address the Board in the coming weeks, possibly by conference call. The Chairman presented a draft memo for discussion, of the Board's support of a ballot initiative and the Council's decisions for further rate study analysis.

Bennett moved that the Chairman should prepare the draft memo of the Board's support; Richmond seconded the motion; the motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**4. Tri-City Advisory Board update**

Ray Kindley discussed a CPA's analysis of the costs of the removal of the Kellogg plant. Members reviewed a memo from the Mayor and draft Wastewater Treatment Capacity Advisory Committee Bylaws. There were questions and concerns regarding several sections of the bylaws and regarding who is involved in writing the by-laws. Gene Green commented that the bylaws are in draft and recommendations for changes may be made to the Council. Members generally agreed that the City should have representation in a regional planning group.

Goodrich moved to prepare a memo from the UAB, saying that the UAB supports having someone at the table; Monical seconded the motion; the motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

The group discussed having the two memos to the next Council meeting. Goodrich anticipated having the memos ready on Thursday morning, so that they could come before the Council for the next meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. He planned to speak to the Council at the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> as well.

**5. Old Business**

**6. New Business**

**7. Adjournment**

Chairperson Goodrich adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.