

City of Lafayette
Water Resources Committee
February 6, 2018
Lafayette City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Harper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chairman Harper led the flag salute.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
 - Present:** Chris Harper, Doug Cook, Todd Holt, and George Larsen
 - Absent:** Richard Olson (excused)
 - Staff:** Preston Polasek, City Administrator
 - Others:** none

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Doug Cook moved and Todd Holt seconded a motion to approve as presented the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting of the WRC. The motion passed (4-0).

5. **WATER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION THRU JANUARY:**

Doug reported the production totals, but questioned the calculations for Bluebird Springs. Preston said he would confirm with Ryan, who has calculated our watershed production for the last two months. Chairman Harper asked about ASR totals, which is about 6 to 6.5 million gallons through January. He suggested we try to store more into ASR, before flows slow down at Bluebird Springs. So far it has been a dry winter season.

6. **PROJECTS UPDATE:**

Preston provided an update on several projects. The three-way valve at our reservoir is still being operated manually. A new PLC for well no. 10 has been purchased, but it needs to be installed and then programmed by PEI. Gordon is designing the two meters and vaults for our incoming transmission lines from the watershed and the joint system. Additional survey data is needed to finish the design for these vaults.

Ryan McMullen, our current Public Works Supervisor, will be leaving City employment this Friday. Our new Public Works Supervisor should be on board within 2-4 weeks. Later this week we will be interviewing a candidate for a Utility Worker II position. Council will be asked later this week to approve the recruitment of a fourth crewmember to get back where we were and where we need to be to be able to take on more water, sewer, and street maintenance. Initially the idea was to budget for this fourth position next fiscal year, but we don't have that luxury now that our experienced supervisor is leaving.

Chairman Harper referenced the two City projects on the list for potential funding during this short legislative session, which were the intertie to MWL and replacement of copper laterals. Gordon discussed two and possibly three water crossings we would like to get done in advance or in conjunction with ODOT's rebuild of Hwy 99W in 2020. These crossings are important to extend services and loop the system and eliminate dead-end lines.

6. PROJECTS UPDATE (con.):

The status of water projects on the current CIP was reviewed including projects that are on-going into next fiscal year. Preston asked committee members to contact him if anyone has ideas that would affect our budget in FY 2019. The replacement of the transmission line from our ASR well no. 10 to the reservoir did not get done this year as an in-house project due to staff turnover. This project will not be on the list for next year, but we will look at bringing this project back as an in-house project for FY 2020. It is an important project to replace a very old line and increase the capacity of the line from 3" to 6" to remove the last stretch of bottleneck in our watershed system.

The intertie to MWL was discussed. WRC members recalled spending time analyzing options and determining that this interties was the only viable option for a new supply that would meet current and future demands. Waiting for the regional system to get built is not an option for Lafayette. The City of Carlton is pursuing this path, because Carlton does not have a current need for additional water supply.

7. NEXT MEETING: April 10 or TBD

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Todd Holt moved and Doug Cook seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

These WRC minutes for February 6, 2018 were approved on April 11, 2018.

CERTIFIED:


Chris Harper, Chair