

## **Council Department Reports – TC meeting 10/11/23**

### **Renewable Energy Program**

- We finally received the Utility Agreement (UA) from RMP. It was approved and signed by the chair of the URC (Utah Renewable Communities – the new name for the agency representing the 18 communities in the program). Since the Springdale TC authorized our mayor to sign the UA for the town, I forwarded it to Barbara and Greg. Barbara signed it and sent it back to the URC. Once all the 18 communities sign the UA, RMP and URC can submit a joint program application to the Utah Public Service Commission.
- The renewable energy program has changed its name and has a new website. The name is Utah Renewable Communities (URC). The new website is: [www.utahrenewablecommunities.org](http://www.utahrenewablecommunities.org).
- The Inflation Reduction Act set aside monies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Governor Cox directed the Utah DEQ to engage in emission reduction planning through the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan. URC is preparing an proposal for a grant from this plan.
- We are still having meetings with the Office of Consumer Services on how we can approach resource procurement once the program is approved by the PSC.

### **Fire Board**

- The Utah State Tax Commission said that if we implemented HB392 (which would allow us to add up to a 1% sales tax to help fund the district), we would have to designate one rete throughout the county. The Washington County Commissioners did not like this proposal and withdrew the county wide vote on this sales tax from the November ballot.
- The district has worked with the county commissioners to use district reserve funds to keep staff and fire stations for this period.
- The district and the county commissioners are looking at establishing up to a 0.33% sales tax, which would not have to be voted on by the general public. This could still allow us to cut property taxes and meet our revenue needs without having to cut staff and close fire stations.
- The fire board has received 19 applications for the fire chief position. However, we also have heard from a number of potential applicants that they did not apply because of the financial difficulties the district is facing. The board has decided to hold off on interviewing any applicants for 6 months with the idea that implementing a sales tax will resolve our financial difficulties. We will then send out a new fire chief position proposal and ask for all new applications.

### **Public Works**

- Continued weekly testing of the finished drinking water for toxin found in the Virgin River. We are now taking monthly water samples from the irrigation pumphouse.
- Continued working with Sunrise Engineering on the sewer lagoon improvements. Inflow screen, discharge pipe rip-rap and effluent TSS filter.

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- Met with Sunrise and made initial comments on the Culinary Water Maser Plan. The have submitted a final draft for review.
- A water system Sanitary Survey with the Sate was successfully conducted with no violations.
- The Anasazi water tank interior sandblasting and recoating project is complete.

### **Streets**

- Interstate Rock has started on the Lafave to Montclair sidewalk project.
- The Lion Blvd. sidewalk project is nearly complete. They are redoing the areas where the old striping was removed.
- Working on compiling data for the crosswalk study.
- Working with Sunrise on the design of Balanced Rock, Hummingbird, Watchman and Canyon View road reconstruction projects.