

June 28, 1990

To: City Services Committee City Council

From: Greg Trainor

Re: Minutes of Committee Meeting
June 28, 1990
7:00 AM

Present: Bill McCurry, R.T. Mantlo, Paul Nelson Greg Trainor, Mark Achen, Jim Shanks, Darren Starr Bill Cheney, Tim Woodmansee

1. Review of irrigation water sales.

Mr. Neil Riddle met with the committee to request that additional irrigation water be released for those that have not had the opportunity to purchase water in recent years. Mr. Riddle represented five individuals that run their water together and rotate the use of the water. Greg Trainor reviewed for the committee the actions which were taken at the last committee meeting concerning the amount of water to be sold and the manner of allocating that water to which ranchers. In summary the amount of available water was increased at the last committee meeting to 460 acre feet and sold to those individuals who purchased water last year. There was discussion concerning the manner of making choices among those requesting water and the City providing water to individuals with marginal water rights who are running agricultural operations. Mr. Riddle was informed that others (Whiting brothers, for example) have water in storage and may be amenable to sale of that water on a permanent basis or on a seasonal basis. The committee did not allocate additional water for sale which would mean taking water from the City's carry-over storage on Grand Mesa.

2. Sewer rate and cost allocation review.

Though not an agenda item, the committee discussed the position of the City concerning the long-term viability of the City's efforts to examine the issue of a fair allocation of sewer-related costs while at the same time the special sanitation districts are anticipating suing the City over the annexation issue. The Ad Hoc Committee formed to steer the rate and cost allocation program efforts will require a great deal of cooperation, trust and sharing of information. The committee felt that the issue of the sanitation district suit should be settled before the City pursued further its efforts to develop alternatives to allocating sewer costs. The rate study is a bond requirement, but the cost allocation issue is one that is important to the County and the special districts.

The committee agreed that a special hearing should be scheduled for the July 18th City Council meeting calling upon the special districts to state their positions prior to the City continuing its study efforts. Committee chairman McCurry will poll the City council concerning this problem.

3. Real estate specialist Tim Woodmansee brought before the committee an offer by Keith Mumby to sell 37 shares of Grand Valley Irrigation Company shares at a price of \$311 dollars per share. This amounts to \$11,507. The offer is for a down payment of \$2,000 be paid with the balance of \$9,507 paid after the first of next year. The \$2,000 is budgeted in the Water Fund, the balance is not. Tim reviewed for the committee the value of having additional Grand Valley shares for future irrigation of the rest of Lincoln Park or other park/open space below or above the GVIC canal. The committee agreed. Discussion took place concerning whether Parks or Water should pay for this acquisition. The problem was not resolved and will be addressed at a later date. The direction to Tim was: offer to purchase all the shares in 1990, try and negotiate a \$300 per share price, and place the offer on the Council's agenda for July 5th.

4. Darren Starr, Sanitation Services Supervisor, reviewed for the committee the City's proposed "drop off" recycling program with the school district. The program would place three dumpsters at ten schools and share the proceeds from aluminum, plastic, and paper with the individual schools. This program will cost \$4,600 to start up and \$2,868 annually for operations. The total of \$7,468 has been included in a grant application to the State of Colorado from the Energy Office and the Citizens Task Force on Recycling. The City has supported the application with a \$1,000 cash match and \$12,455 in an in-kind match (use of

existing city dumpsters, administrative time, printing, etc.). The \$1,000 was included in the 1990 sanitation budget. The grant application includes not only the City program but other area recycling efforts.

Darren also reported that within the past 6 months city employee recycling efforts have accounted for over 4 tons of recycled paper.

5. The committee discussed water rates to flowline customers as a follow-up to the hearing on Reeder Mesa and Cross Bar Cross. Greg Trainor provided comparisons of the portions of revenue generated by flowline customers to the entire out-of-city customer revenue. In addition data was examined concerning what an individual user pays now without a point of use treatment system, what the user would pay under the current proposal which is 1.72 times the in-city rate, what a user would pay at 1.5 times the in-city rate, and at 1.0 times the in-city rate.

This data will be provided to Council at the July 5 workshop.

6. The City-Clifton water purchase contract will be on the July 18th city council agenda for action.
7. The status of the city grazing permit was discussed briefly. Dan Wilson has indicated that the City's ability to effect relief in the courts is minimal.
8. The Grand Valley Xeriscape Council agenda item will be postponed to the next City Services Committee meeting.
9. The Ute-City relationship was discussed briefly. There is a staff meeting Friday June 29, 1990 to discuss this issue in more detail.