

UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM A, CITY HALL  
APRIL 3, 1996

PRESENT: David Graham, Linda Afman, Jim Baughman, Mark Achen, Dan Wilson, Jim Shanks, Ron Lappi, Greg Trainor, Terry Franklin

Discussed Grand Mesa Slopes Advisory Committee letter (attached). This was a request for the City to make available City lands in Whitewater and Kannah Creek areas for land trades to meet various objectives of the Grand Mesa Slopes project.

The Committee discussed, in general, the proposed land trades between the City and the Bureau of Land Management. These have been discussed with the Utility Committee previously and consists of the City -acquiring BLM lands in the Whitewater Creek Basin where City water facilities would be located in exchange for various Somerville Ranch "out parcels" that would go to the BLM.

The Committee also heard reports from staff concerning land use issues that might be solved through City land trades. These issues include subdivision development, trail rights-of-way, access availability to the GMS, and construction of shacks, school buses, trailers without building permits or sanitary sewer facilities.

The GMS Advisory Committee was seeking "permission to study," on a case-by-case basis, whether land trades might resolve some of these issues.

After discussion, the Utility Committee indicated they had no problem looking at land trades provided however, that the City's assets were protected and that any proposed trades were equal **in** value. The Committee did caution that land use issues in Whitewater Creek should be handled by Mesa County.

The Committee discussed the issue of the offer to purchase by the City of the PMLWC and the Company's insistence on additional taps. The President of the Purdy Mesa Livestock Water Company is scheduled to meet with the City Council on Wednesday evening, April 3. The Committee was firm in that the City's offer to purchase included 30 additional taps as part of the offer.

The Company's use of the winter stock water of the Juniata Ditch was discussed. A draft letter to the State Engineer's office has been prepared. The Committee wished to wait until they heard Mr. Bonnell's presentation to the City Council this evening.

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