

**CITY OF KUNA
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
BUTLER SUBDIVISION PRESSURE IRRIGATION
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013
Kuna High School Cafeteria, 637 E. Deer Flat Road, Kuna, Idaho**

6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor W. Greg Nelson
Council President Richard Cardoza
Council Member Joe Stear

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Richard Roats, City Attorney
Gordon Law, City Engineer
Mike Borzick, GIS Mapper
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

This was not a formal Council Meeting but rather a workshop to discuss a potential project to install pressure irrigation (PI) lines to residences in Butler Subdivision. A meeting notice was previously mailed to each of the Butler Subdivision residents.

City Engineer, Gordon Law conducted the meeting and explained the purposes, benefits, costs and inconveniences of the project to the property owners. It was noted connecting to the system will not be mandatory but the process of connecting was discussed for the benefit of those interested in considering it. Map exhibits and other information pertaining to the project were provided.

Mr. Law explained there are only 730 out of approximately 5,500 homes in Kuna that do not have access to PI and 89 of these home are in Butler Subdivision. Six out of 89 property owners have already signed up to connect to the system but the City is interested in learning how many others are interested.

Residences which use drinking water for lawns, on average, require 3-times the well capacity as those with PI. A new well serves about 1,390 homes and costs approximately \$800 – 900k to install plus the needed storage tank at \$1,500. Other costs and demands to the City water system were explained.

Property owner fees for PI connections are as follows:

- Annual assessment fee of \$93.50 per dwelling
- Connection fee of \$860 (City will finance for 10 years at a monthly fee of \$7.40 with \$129 down.) It was noted that this fee is one-half the cost for a new home connection fee and will expire in 2015 per the current legislation.

The City's investment will be approximately \$225,000 to install distribution lines if the entire project is completed. This is the City's contribution amount and the benefitting residents are not expected to pay it back to the City.

A 6" PI line will be installed in the easement portion of properties but each line will be evaluated and discussed with the property owner before work begins. Damaged landscaping such as sod, fences or other small yard features will be restored.

Ballots to see the level of interest from the property owners were distributed.

Questions from the group were answered by Mr. Law and Mike Borzick with more discussions taking place on an individual basis.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:45 p.m.

W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham
Date Approved: CCM 5/21/13*

An audio recording of this meeting is available at City Hall upon request or it can be accessed at the City of Kuna website www.cityofkuna.com.