

**TOWN OF RYE  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Marty Rahl called the Debriefing Meeting concerning the Three-Day Water Outage to order at 5:55 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado. Those in attendance were as follows: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Sheila Henderson, Mayor Protem; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Levi Bernal, Trustee; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Larry Sisk, Trustee; Markus Buck, Trustee; and Sherri Beach, Clerk. Also present were: Greg Colter, Gib Rokich and Madison Rokich. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marty asked for those in attendance to discuss remedies and future preventative measures concerning the water outage.

Greg Colter informed the board that the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment rescinded the implemented boil order at 8:30 am on Monday, February 22, 2021, following lab test results that found there was no contamination of the water supply. Sherri Beach posted the "Boil Order Lifted" notification at the Town Hall front Window, the bulletin board at the Rye Post Office, and she posted it on the four community pages on Facebook, per the CDPHE instruction. She was not required to make additional phone calls or hang notifications on individual doors.

Greg stated that in the process of the work that needed to be done, the backflow device at the Water Treatment Plant has been repaired by Hanson Construction. Sherri is to add this device to the backflow list for inspections in March.

Greg said the CDPHE has been monitoring our main break issue closely, and they have seen that we are working hard to do everything completely and per their requirements. At this time, it may be easier for us to look to them for grants and funding because they are aware of how diligent we are in getting everything back up and running correctly, and they have all our information.

Marty Rahl said she has communicated with Randi Sneed and Tara Marshall with DOLA to inquire about the status of our administrative grant application for the plant, but to date has not received a response from either of them. Greg was asked to keep his eyes open for upcoming grants that we may be able to pursue.

Greg said at the onset of the main break issue, he did not receive a "low tank alarm," which would have alerted him right away of a problem. He has been in contact with Pall Corp, and they will fix the alarm and the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition with Greg and Gib remotely via telephone.

Gib Rokich stated that prior to the main breaks, the transducer was not working correctly, and the tank had over-filled. He also stated that he has heat lamps that he can put at the plant when the weather is sub-zero temperatures to keep freezing from occurring.

Sherri Beach stated that she had received several phone calls from residents on February 16, 2021, at 11:45 am. They reported they had no water or reduced water pressure. She called Gib and Greg right away to report the problem. They called Brian Hanson to come. She started receiving phone calls at 3:00 am the following two mornings with reports of no water at homes on Columbine and Roley first, and other roadways shortly thereafter. Again, she contacted Gib and Greg right away, and they called Hanson Construction to come again.

Gib stated that a 90-degree angle had broken. When the pumps were turned off, the leak quit. Pipes were underneath the plant that needed to be dug up and repaired. He assumed the problem was on Roley with a fire hydrant, and he thought possibly the water was running into the sewer. They checked for a leak into the creek but found no indication of that. He said he should have turned off the valve to the hydrant to keep from losing water.

Greg suggested that we exercise all 12-15 valves once per year to keep them in good working order. He recommended that we add each valve onto the GIS program when we get one. We may consider including Robert Humphry in this project. A valve may need to be checked and fixed on Columbine that goes to the Town of Rye.

We will need to get the GIS program going this summer after the tank is complete to map out our infrastructure. Greg recommended going with I am GIS. Patrick Ryan volunteered to spearhead this project when it is time. Greg provided an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for Water Leaks. He said we need to have this information on hand for the sanitary survey. We need to add this to the Master Calendar and the GIS system. He also presented the board with a sanitary sewer overflow SOP. He said the Town needs to add the manholes, etc., to the GIS program when we get it.

Sherri informed the board there was a sewer backup at the Town Hall over the weekend of the sixth of February, and Brian Hanson was able to fix it. She was told that it was most likely from a frozen sewer line under the floor in the storage room. She was instructed that on very cold days to run hot water through the line to keep it from freezing.

Greg gave an updated estimate for Industrial Coatings to complete work on the underground tank. CDPHE stated that the tank must be sealed on the top and sides where there was a leak in the corner that ripped the concrete up. The original estimate from Industrial Coatings was \$43,695.63, but it was increased to a total of \$52,654.63 to complete the concrete sealant injection, dry out the interior of the tank and seal the ceiling/interior wall seam. Greg said there will be a one-year warranty and after completion, the tank can go online by the end of the week. Sheila Henderson made a motion to approve the additional \$8,959 for a total of \$52,654.63 for Industrial Coatings to complete this project. Markus Buck seconded. Sheila Henderson voted yes, Sandra Steele voted yes, Levi Bernal voted yes, Patrick Ryan voted yes, Larry Sisk voted yes, and Markus Buck voted yes. The motion passed.

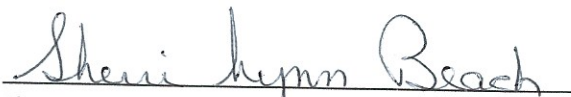
Sheila Henderson made a motion that the public nuisance letter be signed and mailed to the Apache Falls Apartment owner, the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, and Danita. Sheila Henderson voted yes, Sandra Steele voted yes, Levi Bernal voted yes, Patrick Ryan voted yes, Larry Sisk voted yes, and Markus Buck voted yes. The motion passed.

Marty Rahl asked Sherri to pick up thank you cards for those who worked on the water main break. Marty will write the notes as she recovers from her surgery later in the week.

**Adjournment**

At 7:15 pm, Sheila Henderson made a motion that the Debriefing Meeting be adjourned. Levi Bernal seconded. Sheila Henderson voted yes, Sandra Steele voted yes, Levi Bernal voted yes, Patrick Ryan voted yes, Larry Sisk voted yes, and Markus Buck voted yes. The motion passed.

  
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Marty Rahl, Mayor

  
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Sherri Lynn Beach, Town Clerk

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be held on  
March 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069  
Public is encouraged to attend**

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