

PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 30, 1985

PRESENT

Grant S. Nielson	Mayor
Don Dafoe	Council Member
Craig Greathouse	Council Member
Ruth Hansen	Council Member
Gayle Bunker	Council Member
Neil Dutson	Council Member

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Allan	City Manager
Dorothy Jeffery	City Recorder
Warren Peterson	City Attorney
Alan Riding	Asst. Public Works Director
Doyle Bender	City Treasurer
Susan Callister	City Clerk
Jed Finlinson	Millard County Health Department
Eileen Gemperline	City Resident
Dr. Thomas Chandler	City Resident
Arjaan Dekker	City Resident
Elaine Dekker	City Resident
Sheryl Dekker	City Resident
Mark L. Johnson	City Resident
Ed Johnson	City Resident
Charlie T. Ervin	City Resident
Beth W. Day	City Resident
Rex Larsen	City Resident
Kim P. Larsen	City Resident
Clay Black	Pendray Development

Mayor Grant S. Nielson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Dorothy Jeffery, Delta City Recorder, acted as secretary. Mayor Nielson read the following notice:

NOTICE, is hereby given that the Delta City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, September 30, 1985, at the City Building, located at 76 North 200 West, Delta, Utah. The meeting shall begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on whether or not citizens concur with the concept of closing open drainage ditches in Delta City as proposed by the subject.

Mayor Nielson explained that Delta City would like to have the open drains within Delta City tilled, graveled, and covered to eliminate any health hazard that may occur and to insure safety for the children living by the drains. Mayor Nielson said that application has been made to the Community Impact Board for project funds for covering open drains. Mayor Nielson said that he and City Manager Jim Allan had met with the Utah Natural Resources Community Impact Board and discussed the possibility of either a grant or a low interest loan for funding for the project. He also said that this Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding closing of open drainage ditches within Delta City.

Dr. Thomas Chandler, city resident, stated that the open drain behind his property is a health hazard and also a safety hazard. He said that prior to coming to this meeting, he saw children throwing rocks into the drain behind his property and one child almost fell in. Dr. Chandler then asked what the cost of this project would be and if the grant request were denied, if Delta City would consider the low interest loan and how the loan would be paid. Mayor Nielson said that the open drain project loan and payment would be voted on by the citizens of Delta. Mayor Nielson then asked City Manager Jim Allan to explain the cost of the project.

Mr. Allan said that the total cost of the proposed project, which includes 10,500 feet of open drain ditches, with one block of drainage ditch that has already been covered, would be approximately \$586,000.00.

Mr. Allan asked Assistant Public Works Director Alan Riding to explain how these drains would work once they are covered. Mr. Riding explained the proposed method as engineered, using a detailed drawing showing concrete pipe surrounded by sewer rock wrapped in woven fabric.

Jed Finlinson, Millard County Health Department, said that he felt that there are a lot of reasons why these drains should be covered. He said that it is difficult to try to maintain the growth of weeds in the ditches. He also said that the ponding in the ditches is a breeding place for the mosquitos and rodents. Mr. Finlinson said that he feels like these open drains attract children and there is the possibility of children drowning, especially where there is ponding in the ditches.

Mr. Arjaan Dekker, city resident, expressed his concern regarding the danger of small children getting near the drainage ditches and falling in. He felt it would be very difficult for a small child to climb back out and there is the possibility of a child drowning.

City Manager Jim Allan asked the question, "Are we willing as a City to just approach this project as a grant or are we willing to do it as a low interest loan concept?"

Dr. Chandler said that he would be in favor of closing the drains at any cost.

Mrs. Elaine Dekker, city resident, said that she would like to see the drains covered because the mosquitos are so thick causing an extremely bad health hazard.

Mayor Nielson called for a vote of those in attendance regarding covering the open drainage ditches. It was the consensus of all the Delta City Residents in attendance at this Public Hearing that it is urgent that the open drainage ditches be covered for the health and safety reasons for them and their children.

Mayor Nielson asked if there were any further questions or comments regarding the covering of open drainage ditches in Delta City. There being none, he declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


GRANT S. NIELSON, Mayor

Attest: 
DOROTHY JEFFERY
Delta City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: October 21, 1985