

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WATER & UTILITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
4:00 P.M.**

The Water & Utilities Committee of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, convened for a Regular meeting in the Chino Valley Council Chambers, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona, on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Lon Turner called the meeting to order. It was noted that on the agenda the listed chairperson is incorrect the correct chairperson is Lon Turner.

Members present: Councilmember Lon Turner (Chair), Councilmember Linda Hatch, Mayor Chris Marley

Staff present: Town Engineer Ron Grittmann, Town Clerk Jami Lewis, Town Manager Robert Smith

Guest present: Mark Reinhold

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No prior minutes to approve

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – No public comments

5. OLD BUSINESS – No old business

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Review, discuss and approve committee charter.

The committee discussed and approved their charter.

6b. Discussion of the Water and Utilities Committee role.

Ron Grittmann reported on the funding structure of the Town's water and sewer system.

Items for the committee's consideration:

- Capital improvement program, current rate structure does not have any money for capital.
- Fann sewer operation and maintenance contract
- Increase funding through taking control of other water system(s)
- Modification to buy-in fees
- Rate restructure
- Developer contracts
- Current buy-in fees for residential and commercial sewer hook-up

6c. Discussion of mandatory sewer hookup in accordance with Town Code §51.155.

The committee discussed the following topics:

- Current code requiring hook up
- Town's right to install sewer line to property and place lien against the property
- Buy-in and service fees costs and transferable fees to a new homeowner
- Liens on foreclosure properties
- State impact fees in regard to water & sewer – Town of Chino Valley does not collect

6d. Reports – No reports at this time

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hatch moved, seconded by Mayor Marley to adjourn, passed.

Submitted this 25th day of October 2012

By: *Liz Hart, Town Clerk Assistant*