

White City Water Users Review

The White City Community Council held an emergency meeting of all the water users of the White City Water Company on July 10, 1991. At this public meeting we had the public service commission, attorneys for Sandy City, their public utilities representative, mayor, the water company owners, the press, and many others.

At this meeting it was established we should form the water user committee. We were also to hire an attorney to seek equal rates for all the users on the same system and to look into the possibility of purchasing the company ourselves.

The first water user committee consisted of Renee Christensen, chair, Dale Mitchell, vice chair, Craig Larsen, sec/treas. Members of the committee were Paulina Flint, Allen Hollyoke, Carol Kent, Cathy Larsen, Jim Gonzales, Max Osborn, Elaine Wade. It met to elect its officers on July 12, 1991.

July 13, 1991 the White city water users wrote a letter to the public service commission asking them to intervene on behalf of the water users.

July 17, 1991 Jeff Appel, who was now our legal council, wrote a letter to the public service commission to intervene on the water users' behalf.

July 22, 1991 was our first petition drive. These petitions were asking the question: If the opportunity arose would you support the purchase of the water system by the users? The second petition sought equal rates for all users on the same system.

Oct 1, 1991 was the Sandy City Council meeting over the sale of the company to Sandy City. Many users attended that meeting.

On October 2, 1991, Jeff Appel sent a letter to Commissioner Jim Bradley to seek an intervention by Salt Lake County at the PSC.

February 20, 1992 the Public Service Commission, held it would maintain jurisdiction even if Sandy purchased the company.

As a result of all these actions, we had to do many fund raiser in order to afford an attorney. Some of these consisted of: Flea markets, boutiques, carnivals, t-shirts, etc. We had to raise over \$42,000.

We had to lobby the legislature for PSC jurisdiction (oversight of the unincorporated users even after Sandy would have purchased the company) This was unheard of in Utah.

It took 4 years to get to where we finally purchased the company ourselves.

To this day the water users maintain their existence to insure that the rights of the users remain protected.