

RESOLUTION 12-04-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTAQUIN CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A WATER RECLAMATION DEMONSTRATION FACILITY

WHEREAS, Santaquin City, a 5th Class city in the State of Utah, has experienced an unprecedented period of growth for the last several years, and, in all likelihood, will continue to grow as a result of both natural increase and in-migration; and

WHEREAS, The growth within Santaquin City is anticipated to strain the cultural, environmental, economic, and financial resources of the City, including water needed for irrigation of prime agricultural lands and urbanizing areas; and

WHEREAS, Technologies have evolved which would permit Santaquin to reuse available water resources to supplement irrigation practices, recharge the local aquifer, reduce impacts to aquatic wildlife in the surrounding area, and implement smart growth principles; and

WHEREAS, The City adopted a General Plan on May 2, 2007, titled 'A Community Prospering in Country Living', which outlines goals and policies for establishing a sustainable community through preservation of natural resources, such as water, by incorporating new technologies and planning methods with new development; and

WHEREAS, The present water treatment system is nearing capacity which restricts expansion of existing and new business opportunities as well as new development; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to construct a water reclamation demonstration project which will accomplish the following:

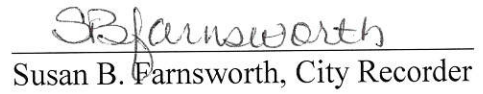
- Produce Type 1 water for aquifer recharge and subsequent reuse for culinary needs, thus replenishing available drinking water supplies.
- Produce Type 1 water to supplement irrigation needs of local agriculture operations and urban areas, thus lessening impacts on the local aquifer.
- Reduce the treatment facility footprint in order to preserve wildlife habitat in critical areas and reuse existing facilities and resources for the betterment of the community.
- Enable continued business and economic expansion of the Santaquin area in accordance with environmentally sensitive and sustainability practices.
- Support local agricultural operations through utilization of bio-solids created from new treatment technology, which the EPA has determined to be better for soil preservation and crop growth than animal waste applications;
- Reduce the overall need for consumption of non-renewable resources;

WHEREAS, currently available City funds are not sufficient to construct the \$25 million dollar facility needed to accomplish the above goals and designs of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals the City Council of Santaquin City hereby authorizes the Mayor to seek Federal Funding for the construction of said desired water reclamation demonstration facility.

Adopted by the City Council of Santaquin City, this 17th day of December, 2008


James E. DeGraffenried, Mayor


Susan B. Farnsworth, City Recorder

