

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2020
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Dallas Lister, Scott Getchell, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomer, Donald Mulrine, Mark Chandler and Phil Clark.
- III. On motion by Mr. Jones and Second by Mr. Getchell the minutes for the meeting from June 26, 2020 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – The project is now complete and the only thing that is left at this point is a warranty walkthrough. At the end of October the contractor is released from the project from a warranty standpoint.
 - b. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Mixer Replacements** – The project is now completely finished and everything is working properly.
 - c. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine reported that the project is now out for bid. The project has been put through MDE and is now advertised and out for bid. There may possibly be a Jan/Feb start and there is nothing additional to note.
 - d. **Well Use Ordinance** – Mr. Mulrine will provided an update on budgeting for updating Ordinance 675. It was reported that the Town Council has budgeted to have the Ordinance updated in the next FY budget.
 - e. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – The proposed budget has been presented to the Commission for review. Mr. Getchell has requested that the commission review the budget and send questions to Mr. Getchell for clarification. The Commission will discuss at the next meeting.
 - f. **Fiber Network** – It was reported that Cambio has now partnered with AT&T and has picked up additional customers (approx. 175). Also reaching some of the outlying areas that don't have broadband.
 - g. **Other Open Issues** – No other open issues.

V. New Business

- a. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Mr. Getchell is presenting to the commission for review of some needed upgrades to the treatment plant. Specifically, the sludge holding tank, blowers and the reed beds at the WWTP. This system has worked very well over the last 20 years. However, as of late, Mr. Chandler has had to put more and more capital into this system to keep things going (approx. \$50k/year costs). Suggesting adding additional equipment to supplement the current system and making it more efficient. The addition of a mechanical system can help to dry sludge during the winter to take strain off the reed beds. Another option was to convert the holding tank and upgrade as a supplement as well. A Canopy over the reed beds could be done as well. We need to do a preliminary engineering report to find best options and most cost efficient way to help this issue. The commission is looking to see if there is any grant funding for project. Motion to continue looking at the engineering report by Mr. Getchell and 2nd by Mr. Woomer.
- b. **Ethic Statements** – Mr. Woomer has signed and provided his statement, still waiting for Mr. McCullough's signed statement.
- c. **Other New Business** – Mr. Mulrine mentioned looking at some future projects and looking for funding on the projects. Next meeting Mr. Mulrine will present to the commission at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM on motion by Mr. Woomer and Second by Mr. Getchell. The next meeting will be scheduled by Mr. Getchell with the Commission. It is planned to be a virtual meeting. Details to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary