

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2017

4:00PM

- I. Scott Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:00PM and thanked all for attending
- II. Those in attendance were Town Administrator, Don Mulrine, Mark Chandler, Phil Clark, Scott Getchell, Albert McCullough, Adam Jones and Leroy Woomer
- III. On motion by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Jones, the minutes of the September 9, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved into the record.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a) The Water/Sewer Rate Model data was reviewed and the discussion was around having the plan updated and considering a grant that could cover the cost. There was a motion by Mr. Getchell to have the existing model updated which was seconded by Mr. McCullough. Mr. Mulrine stated that the money has already been budgeted and we should be able to move forward with the expense. It was the board's recommendation to council to move forward with the updated Water/Sewer Rate model at an approximate cost of \$8000. The commission also recommends that we budget for an annual/bi-annual analysis be completed by an independent firm.
 - b) The Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade was also discussed and an update from Mr. Getchell informed the Commission that it is still in the design phase. The hope is that the design phase is completed by year-end and start on the upgrade toward the beginning of next year. The design phase is roughly 75-80% complete
 - c) There are currently no other open issues.
- V. New Business
 - a) Mr. Clark was in attendance to present DPW's meter replacement program this program is set to replace approximately 400 older and failing meters in the area. The new meters will be more efficient for the homeowner and the DPW from a reading efficiency standpoint. Approval from council has already been started. There was a motion to support the program started

by Mr. McCullough and a second from Mr. Getchell followed by a unanimous decision to continue with the program.

- b) Mr. Woomer discussed his concerns to make sure that we are structured in a way not to forget about conservation of water.
- c) Other new business included rate evaluations that were handed out by Mr. Clark comparing our rate model against other surrounding townships. No action was needed. Another question was raised about using PVC for the main lines and its life expectancy. It was explained that PVC can withstand the wear and tear that older water lines could not and is the industry standard.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56PM

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Wastewater Treatment Facility on December 13, 2017 at 4:00 PM.