

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2021
4:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 917 982 7752

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I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

MEMBERS	OTHERS
<input type="checkbox"/> Councilperson Lister	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Mulrine, Town Administrator
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Getchell, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Chandler, W/WW Supt.
<input type="checkbox"/> Albert McCullough, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Clark, DPW Supt.
<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Jones, Secretary	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leroy Woomeer, Member	

III. Approval of Minutes – Review and approval of meeting minutes from the May 5, 2021 meeting.

IV. Open Issues

- a) **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mulrine will provide an update.
- b) **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mulrine to update UC on budget progress.
- c) **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Getchell/Chandler to provide information on this potential WWTP project.
- d) **Capital Improvement Plan** – Mulrine to provide an update.
- e) **AquaCon** – Mulrine to provide update on AquaCon fish farm in Denton.
- f) **Standards & Specifications for Public Works Construction** – Clark/Getchell to provide update.
- g) **Other Open Issues**

V. New Business

- a) **Water/Sewer Allocation Fees** – An email from Phil Clark is included with the agenda for the Commission’s consideration.
- b) **Other New Business**

VI. Adjournment

From: Phil Clark <PClark@dentonmaryland.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Scott Getchell
Subject: Sewer and Water allocation fee

Scott,

We would like the water and sewer allocation fee added to the Utility Commission agenda please?

In the past the vacant lot fee (aka Water/Sewer Availability Fee) is only charged if the property boundary was within 100' of the municipal sewer line (following the when the property must connect rules). The law was recently changed and now when a property transfers ownership it must connect if within 300' of the municipal water and or sewer line. Since we have used the 100' in the past for applying the vacant lot fees, I would think we would do the same and change that to 300' now.

I'm sort of leaning toward maybe the vacant lot fee billing begins when there is a change in ownership, similar to when a property is removed from tax waiver.

The other option would be to just start billing these accounts now. While the enactment of the Ordinance was open to the public, I am not sure that would be what the UC and TC would want. Especially without giving the property owners affected some sort of notification that the law has been changed and as of a certain date they will now be billed \$25 per quarter...

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