

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2021
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Dallas Lister, Scott Getchell, Albert McCullough, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomer, Donald Mulrine, Mark Chandler and Phil Clark.
- III. On motion by Mr. McCullough and Second by Mr. Woomer the minutes for the meeting from November 18, 2020 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine stated that he is working with MDE underwriting about financials that he had and is still waiting to hear back. The project is on track for a March 10th board of public works approval. If approved we will need some additional financials in line. There will likely be a few additional meetings needed for an anticipated April start.
 - b. **Well Use Ordinance** – Mr. Getchell provided copies of the changes to the original ordinance to the rest of the Commission. The review is underway at this point, the recommended edits have been notated on the revised ordinance provided. Mr. Mulrine has had 2 meetings with Aqua Law for the changes notated and are to be reviewed by the commission for recommendation. Mr. Getchell made a motion to endorse the edits and was seconded by Al. All were in favor.
 - c. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Clark, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Mulrine have been discussing needs and projected equipment needed for this year. The current list is a work in progress and they are making updates as needed before the budget meeting. More to come.
 - d. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Mr. Getchell has reached out to an organization that helps with these types of projects. The application for funding with the MDE to pay for the study has been completed and sent to MDE. Most of the work was done by Vikki Prettyman, The Circuit Rider who specializes in these applications and funding sources. She came to the council meeting to introduce herself, this is very early in the process and her

nonprofit does this kind of help free of charge. Will probably not hear from for a while.

- e. **Ethic Statements** – Mr. McCullough provided signed statements and all have been completed.
- f. **Capital Improvement Plan** – Mr. Mulrine explained that he is still researching and collecting pricing for future needed improvements.
- g. **AquaCon** – Mr. Mulrine has been working with Mr. Clark about some sewer lines that AquaCon wanted to use and it was recommend that they use some larger lines than the ones proposed. This project is still under discussions at this point. They will also need to do a traffic study with SHA.
- h. **Other Open Issues** – No other open issues

V. New Business

- a. **Standards & Specifications for Public Works Construction** – The DPW is currently updating their standards from 2010. Mulrine/Clark explained. Mr. Mulrine and Mr. Clark are re-writing to bring to date as the current revision was done back in 2010. Some revisions were presented to the Commission for review. Changing some revisions to right of ways and lane widths are examples of the revisions.
- b. **Other New Business** – Councilperson Lister recommended that we take a look at the Water/Sewer rates to make sure we are on budget from the original recommendation from the independent company that did the review about 2 years ago. This will be back on the agenda for review.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM on motion by Mr. McCullough 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