

**Denton Utility Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**

March 31, 2021  
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:01 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. Woomer and Second by Mr. Getchell the minutes for the meeting from January 27, 2021 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
  - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine has a contract that has been presented to MDE for review. Once completed it is planned to go to The Town Council in May for review and signature. If approved, the tentative start date is some time in June.
  - b. **Well Use Ordinance** – Mr. Mulrine provided an update on ordinance sections 102, 124, 125. Mr. Mulrine stated that all three ordinances are on the agenda for review and approval with the council April 1<sup>st</sup>. Once approved, they will become law after ten days.
  - c. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Mulrine stated that the town budget is done, however the water and sewer budget is not required yet. After the next meeting the Water and Sewer budgets should be completed. The hope is by the next DUC meeting the commission will have the budget for review. Councilperson Lister made mention of the current water and sewer rates. About two years ago adjustments were made and he wanted to verify that we are on track since the last adjustment. Mr. Mulrine suggested verification of adjustment result should be verifiable with the next budget that will come out shortly.
  - d. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Mr. Chandler reported that there is not much to update on the Sludge Management Project. At this point, Mr. Chandler has inquired as to the status of the application and the thought is that we would hear something in April as to the status. So for reporting purposes at this point it is a concept.

- e. **Ethic Statements** – All statements have been turned in to the Town.
- f. **Capital Improvement Plan** – Mr. Mulrine present capital improvement plan to the commission. At the heart of the conversation was the ARP money that was given to the town. The hope for the monies would be to replace some equipment that is now getting a little old. One such item would be the grit machine at WWTP. Also, the creation of a three year plan to replace the blowers which are over 20 years old depending on funding. The blowers that Mr. Chandler is looking to replace will be much more efficient and be much quieter from a noise standpoint.
- g. **AquaCon** – Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the AquaCon fish farm in Denton. Currently, they are working on the Federalsburg location to get them up and running at this time. Talks are continuing to happen for a Denton location as well.
- h. **Standards & Specifications for Public Works Construction** – Mr. Clark mentioned an item on the agenda for town tomorrow evening. The item references ordinance 714 and spec book for subdivisions. The item is proposed for dealing with layout for any new construction.
- i. **Other Open Issues** – No other open issues

V. New Business

a. **Other New Business**

- i. ARP Money – The town will get over \$3MM total and will receive half of that within 90 days. There are currently no guidelines on how to spend the money at this point. When received the town is looking at placing it in separate bank accounts for auditing purposes. Council has some ideas for how to use the monies but again we are still waiting on guidelines on the monies. There are a number of roads, infrastructure and upgrades that the town has in mind. The commission will be reviewing these projects once we get the guidelines.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 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 an in person meeting with a virtual meeting option.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary