

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

August 22, 2018  
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM and thanked all those that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Scott Getchell, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomer, Councilperson Lister, Don Mulrine, Mark Chandler and Karen Monteith.
- III. On motion by Mr. Woomer and second from Mr. Getchell the minutes for the meeting from July 26, 2018 were reviewed and unanimously approved. *Note: There was a question about a statement in the minutes on a comment from Mr. Lister that was clarified.*
- IV. Open Issues
  - a) **Water/Sewer Rate Model** – Mr. Lister stated that Council had voted to increase the sewer rates to the 2020 rates. There will be a Public hearing next and it can be ratified. Mr. Woomer questioned the increase on the meter maintenance fee. There will be no increase on meter maintenance fees only on new connections.
  - b) **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – Mr. Getchell stated that bidding is finished, MDE requires checklist of items to be completed which has been submitted. We are awaiting their approval to proceed to the next step. Once completed we will be able to give the contractor green light to go ahead.
  - c) **FY19 Budget Process** – Preliminary budgets were distributed to UC members. Mrs. Monteith discussed FY19 for Water Fund and Sewer fund budget proposal for the UC to discuss and understand. Karen disclosed that MDE has reviewed the proposed increase and the increase will satisfy the DS requirements to get the grant. Mr. Getchell proposed that we should take a vote to agree to adopt budget as presented. Motion by Mr. Getchell, Second by Mr. Jones all approved.
  - d) **Fiber Optic System** – It was disclosed that Council approved Cambio Wi-Fi to use Gay St./5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Legion/Engerman. This will provide Wi-Fi to the Town of Denton. We are currently in process of running

fiber from the IT building to the water tower on Gay St. This will produce proposed speeds close to 3x faster than Comcast offers. They will offer bundled packages for phone/internet/TV. There will eventually be maintenance costs that we need to develop and keep in mind.

- e) **Power Plant** – Mr. Mulrine had a talk with Mr. Mark Gillis, still negotiating on the unit itself. Issue is with the merger of the gas line, which is a separate company. Working on alternates for gas line and there will be more to come on this project.

V. Other Open Issues

- a) **No other open issues**

VI. New Business

- a) **Other New Business**

- b) No new business

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM and the next scheduled meeting will be at 4:00 PM on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the town office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary