

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2019
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Dallas Lister, Scott Getchell, Albert McCullough, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomer, Don Mulrine, Phil Clark, Karen Monteith and Donna Todd.
- III. On motion by Mr. Getchell and Second by Mr. Woomer the minutes for the meeting from June 19, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – Mr. Getchell provided a progress update for the commission. The basin reconstruction is finished and now online. The crew is currently working on connecting UV structure to current flow channel. There is still some additional control work to be done. The project deadline is October 31 and is on track to be completed on time.
 - b. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Mixer Replacements** – Mr. Getchell provided an update for the commission. The construction permit and approvals are in hand. The project will be going to council for final approval.
 - c. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Getchell provide and update for Mr. Mulrine on the project. The town has advertised proposals for bidding out the water main project. Engineering has not been awarded yet as the bids were pretty far apart. They are going to interview bidders to see why there is a large difference in bid costs and make a decision based on a comparative analysis of the scope of work.
 - d. **Other Open Issues**
 - i. No other open issues.
- V. New Business

- a. **Well Use Ordinance** – Ms. Donna Todd prepared a memo for the UC to review and was in attendance to discuss discrepancies within the Town's Water and Sewer Code. There is a question being raised about wording of ordinances having to do with well and septic installed if your property line is more than 100ft of a water and sewer line. Mr. Getchell explained that the way he interpreted the ordinance in the past was that if the septic/water failed then rather than replacing their well/septic they would connect if the property fell within the 100 ft. rule. The same would hold true upon property transfer. The commission went over current ordinance about the 100 ft. rule to make sure that the wording is crystal clear on when you have to connect when inside corporate limits. The Commission's recommendation for ordinances 102-5, 124-3 are to create a clear definition stating that the homeowner will be responsible for connection to water/sewer when available within 100ft of their property line and in corporate boundaries. With respect to timeframe we recommend, 180 days from notification to connect for both water and sewer if within the 100ft guidelines as available. The next question posed by Ms. Todd was, if an existing property is currently on well and septic and not within 100 ft. can they replace the well and septic? This was addressed in prior comments. The final question was, should there be a comprehensive review of the chapters? Our recommendation is that we would review the chapters as needed. It was also recommended by the Commission that the verbiage in ordinance code 124-4 that references "Potable use prohibited" be removed.
- b. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Getchell provided the proposed water and sewer budgets for the UC's review and comment. Recommendation is to approve water fund budget. Also recommended to reduce sewer reserve to balance budget with review of semi-annual review to track budget.

VI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM on motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. McCullough. Mr. Getchell will reach out to commission regarding the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary