

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Scott Getchell, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomer, Mark Chandler and Phil Clark.
- III. On motion by Mr. Getchell and Second by Mr. Woomer the minutes for the meeting from July 21, 2021 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Clark updated the commission on the status with the water main project. We are still waiting for the MDOT permit. It was also noted that, we are currently in the project duration and have been given the notices of award.
 - b. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – The Budgets have now been adopted as of the last Town Council meeting.
 - c. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – It was reported that there was a meeting with Maryland Environmental Service and they gave recommendations and insight to the Town and how to proceed. We need to get a preliminary engineering report. The report was estimated to cost \$30-35k and the Town is looking at using the capital budget to pay for the report. The plan is to swap this expense with another line item that can be paid with ARP monies.
 - d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – No new updates on the capital improvement plan. Please refer to minutes from May 05, 2021 for details.
 - e. **AquaCon** – No new updates.
 - f. **Water/Sewer Allocation Fees** – This has been resolved, see minutes from prior meeting

- g. **ARP Funding** – The Town is currently working on construction cost estimates and planning phases currently. There has not been anything submitted at this point.
- h. **Water Meter Replacement Fee** – The Town Council agreed and approved with the Utility Commission’s recommendation and Mr. Clark needs to change current ordinance.
- i. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

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- i. MDE has reached out to Mr. Chandler to do testing (study) for the wastewater and the traces of COVID that may be in the wastewater. This study would not have any cost to the town. In addition, the results would be provided to the town for review.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM. 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