

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Councilperson Lister, Scott Getchell, Adam Jones, Leroy Woome, Don Mulrine, Mark Chandler and Phil Clark.
- III. On motion by Mr. Woome and Second by Mr. Getchell the minutes for the meeting from September 8, 2021 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine stated that the project is on the agenda for number 721 Ordinance. The town's attorney has reviewed the ordinance and waiting for is funding from MDE. Once the bond is done from MDE the town can get started. This project has been ready to go for months but the town is still waiting for MDE's funding.
 - b. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – The water and sewer budgets were approved in September. The next budgets will be coming up soon for the 1st of the year.
 - c. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – The commission discussed budgeting the monies necessary for the study. The study (PER) tells the town which options (and costs) the town has to deal with the Sludge Management.
 - d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – Mr. Mulrine has presented some needed equipment and improvements to the Town Council. Also there are some water and sewer lines that need to be installed/upgraded.
 - e. **AquaCon** – No new updates. Federalsburg is their priority at this point. No new news.
 - f. **Water/Sewer Allocation Fees** – This has been resolved, can remove from agenda.

- g. **ARP Funding** – ARP update is mostly referenced above in item “Capital Improvement Plan” which is where the monies will be used.
- 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. No Change from previous month.
- i. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

- a. **UC Positions for 2022** – There was some discussion on member positions going into 2022. Mr. Getchell stated his term is ending in December and he is willing to serve another term if the Town Council will have him. Mr. Getchell did mention that he is ready to step down as chair but is willing to stay on the Commission. Additional discussion about this will happen at the next meeting.
- b. **Other New Business**
 - i. There was some discussion about the Fiber network/hub coming to Denton with additional information to come next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 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