

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 3:56 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, Phil Clark and 2 guests from Simple Fiber.
- III. On motion by Mr. Woome and Second by Mr. Getchell the minutes for the meeting from October 18, 2021 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine stated that there were no new updates. The project was going to Bond council tomorrow 11/18/2021 to get the bond approval.
 - 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 project will be discussed in January/February. Councilperson Lister did mention that there may be some moving around of funds due to budget surpluses from the ARP monies that are covering projects within the ARP guidelines.
 - d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – Mr. Mulrine said that the town is looking into creating a valve improvement system in the town. This would allow the town to avoid shutting down the entire town's water when repairs need to be made. The town is also looking into additional projects as well but nothing additional to report.
 - e. **AquaCon** – No new updates. This discussion is done for now.
 - f. **ARPA Funding** – Mr. Mulrine provided update on ARP spending plan in which he reported that the town is looking at some projects and upgrades to infrastructure.

- g. **UC Positions for 2022** – There is no new news regarding the discussion on member positions going into 2022.
- h. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

- a. **Enterprise Fund Description** – The Commission is to review the supplied information and make any recommendations for changes to the description currently. The idea is to disclose to the public from an informational perspective as to where the charges and budgeted items come from.
- b. **Other New Business**
 - i. Simple Fiber – There was discussion on what their business does for the town. Simple Fiber is wanting to partner with the town and help buildout infrastructure for broadband access through Fiber. This would be for the town and eventually for the residents of Denton. Simple Fiber is looking for permission to access the Town's conduit for the Fiber. They will be pulling their own Fiber through the conduit and will be giving the Town access to 2 strands of Dark fiber in return. It was suggested that Simple Fiber has a contract drawn up for review by the commission before approval. Motion by Mr. Getchell, second by Mr. Woomer.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 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