

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

March 23, 2022  
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Councilperson Lister, Scott Getchell, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomeer, Albert McCullough, Don Mulrine and Phil Clark
- III. On motion by Mr. Woomeer and Second by Mr. Getchell the minutes for the meeting from January 26, 2022 were unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
  - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine stated that the paperwork was received from MDE to fill out. There is some financial and lease information needed. It will possibly be another month or so for an approval followed by a month after that to start the project. The prospective project is for the Water Main on Franklin Street.
  - b. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Mulrine state that the town is Working on capital budgets now. They will then move to Water and Sewer budgets, with the General fund budget by June and W/S budget in August.
  - c. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – The town received the 3 bids for the engineering package today. The town will be reviewing line by line for comparison purposes. Once the analysis for the comparison has been completed they will then make a selection.
  - d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – The town has been working on the plan the past couple weeks and as they are putting the plan together, they are also looking 5 years out for planning purposes. Recently they did add a vehicle that is needed.
  - e. **ARPA Funding** – It was discussed that the WWTP is taking up some of the funding. In addition, a Grit machine may also be using some of the funds. For an additional use of the funds the town is looking at sending out RFP for Market St and Camp for Sewer expansion costs.

- f. **Simple Fiber** – Simple fiber is about 2 months out before they are up and running. Coordination with Maryland broadband is going to be a little longer before they can get a hookup. There is a meeting planned next week with Simple Fiber and Cambio to buy them out.

#### V. New Business

- a. CCHS – Getchell to submit updated water usage for the new Choptank Community Health Systems building. In 2018, June/July Choptank Community Health Systems discussed the allocations and stated that they were too high. They paid the capacity fee on calculated usage. The council discussed data provided and ERU calculation. The council will continue discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Councilperson Lister wanted to discuss ordinance similar to Easton Utilities. The council discussed having Easton Utilities come out and talk about how their program works and how Denton could mirror or use them as a model. There was a motion by Mr. McCullough to have a joint meeting with Easton Utilities and Town Council and Second by Mr. Getchell and was unanimously approved.
- c. The well 3 motor has once again gone bad. Mr. Chandler was asking Franklin to replace the motor under warranty even though they only offer a 1-year warranty. It was 2019 the last time it went bad and they replaced it free of charge. It is unknown what is causing the motor to continue to go bad but Rick Shulties from AC Shulties says they have a meter on the main electric supply to monitor the main power for micro-surges. They will be onsite shortly to replace the motor.

#### VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 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