

Denton Utility Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Councilperson Lister, Scott Getchell, Leroy Woomer, Adam Jones, Don Mulrine, Mark Chandler and Phil Clark.
- III. Minutes for May 18th Meeting was approved on motion by Mr. Woomer and seconded by Mr. Getchell. No discussion and unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Mulrine talked to MDE about the project. Mr. Clark is currently working with a vendor to get updated costs. We have built in contingencies to cover increased costs. Once we get cost updates, we can get the final approval from MDE and then the project can be started.
 - b. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Getchell talked to Karen before the meeting to see if we can get something to review. No new updates yet and we will get any new updates on the budgets via email.
 - c. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Based on the preliminary engineering and environmental reports there were some ideas that were sent as options that the town could adopt. The town is taking the ideas back for brainstorming to how we can utilize the different methods. The selected engineer was RK&K and the project is underway but in the beginning stages to see what will work the best for the town.
 - d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – To date we have put a pump in for well 6 and a couple mixers. There is a need to add 2 additional mixers for the water towers. Also, there is a need to add load reactor equipment that will help with potential future failures to the wells. All of the suggested new equipment needed have been added to the budget.

- e. **ARPA Funding** – A budget has been sent to the commission to preliminarily budget monies that will be spent on infrastructure. There are equipment needs such as blowers, grit machines that are large ticket items. With increasing costs, it will be necessary to prioritize needs after engineering to make sure we don't run into a deficit with ARPA funding.
- f. **Simple Fiber** – Simple Fiber has been working over the last couple weeks in town to pull fiber throughout the town. They have hooked up the Gay Street tower for the cameras and are making various connections currently. *Simple Fiber rep update:* The data center has been lit up and it is fully operational with a dozen or so hooked up now and have about a dozen on the waiting list. They have met with some contractors to continue to build out the network. They are currently looking at options to expand fiber out to the WWTP (from 5th and Legion) currently and maybe partner with the town to do this.
- g. **CCHS** – Mr. Getchell proposes that we buy back ERU's that were grossly overestimated per documentation that was provided to commission from Mr. Getchell. Proposal is to use the current calculations and current data to purchase back the overpayment of ERU's. Motion by Mr. Getchell is to purchase back ERU based on the usage and historical data instead of original ERU payments. Second by Mr. Jones. Mr. Woomer Abstain.
- h. **Easton Utilities** – Utility commission met with Easton Utilities and Mr. Lister provided a brief update on visit.
- i. **Well #6** – Mr. Chandler stated that Well #6 is down. The Electric motor has failed and went out on ground fault. We need to replace the motor at this point. It was also recommended that we replace the pump as it is the same age as the motor. Since it was found that the voltage was irregular coming into the motor a Load Reactor was also recommended to be put on the motor to help with irregular power voltage.
- j. **iWorq Software** – Mr. Chandler stated that they are working with the company, and everything is pretty much good to go. The Town can now start using the software for current projects and it can be used with town personnel. The software will better track efficiencies on town projects. Seems to be working well and is very comprehensive for asset tracking/management.

k. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

a. **Natural Gas Discussion** – Mr. Mulrine has spoken with a few Natural Gas Companies to see the possibility of getting a gas line to Denton. More to follow on dates when we can get together.

b. **UC Changes** –Mr. Getchell will be resigning as a board member because of change in employment. Mr. Getchell will be searching for new member to replace him on the board. Really need 5 on the board to be ok.

c. **Other New Business** – None

VI. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 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