

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Woomer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Councilperson Lister, Leroy Woomer, Adam Jones, Lee Tillery, Scott Getchell, Mark Chandler and Don Mulrine.
- III. Minutes for February 22, 2023 meeting was approved on motion by Mr. Tillery and seconded by Mr. Woomer. No discussion and unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Getchell stated that the town has been given notice to proceed. The project will start on April 1 and will hopefully be completed by 07/01/2023. Mr. Getchell stated that the town will be breaking ground in a week or 2.
 - b. **Water/Sewer Extensions (ARPA Funding)** – Mr. Getchell noted that the project is still in the design phase specifically for 2nd street improvements, the project is moving but slowly. Once the design phase is complete the town will be bidding out the work. A full timeline is still unavailable.
 - c. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – It was noted by Mr. Getchell that the town is in the process of working on the 2024 budget. The general funds budget will need to be completed before the W/S budget. Once completed, we will have timeline for the W/S budget.
 - d. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Mr. Getchell reported that the project report has been completed and the report has been given to the commission. Commission to review and discuss at future meetings. There was some discussion on some of the recommendations in the report as far as drying options for sludge treatment.
 - e. **Simple Fiber** – Councilperson Lister reported that there has been an ongoing concern from a contractual perspective. There was a

meeting with Simple Fiber yesterday and there are differing opinions to the contract verbiage. Town Atty, Chris Drummond is reviewing and mediating for contractual expectations. The main question is who owns the conduit that has been put into the ground. More to come on partnership and legal protections for ownership in the conduit already installed. In addition, there was some discussions on new construction going forward and will include conduit into the site plan for the utilities. Ownership structure is still in question and are going to work out details with the town atty. As the discussion continued, they Councilperson Lister reported that the progress for customers has been good and they currently have 40 customers using their services with good results.

- f. **Well #6** – Mr. Chandler stated that everything has been ordered and we have not received the supplies yet. Mr. Chandler has reported that there are supply chain issues.
- g. **Natural Gas Discussion** – Councilperson Lister stated that there have been no new updates.
- h. **Water and Sewer Rate Study Update** – Mr. Getchell reported that the study is in progress, and we should have the new data in the next couple of weeks. Once Mr. Getchell receives the report, he will distribute it to the Commission for review.
- i. **West Denton PER** – Mr. Getchell reported that a pre-bid meeting has happened that Mr. Getchell attended. The bidding process has been extended to 04/14/2023. This is a county project however Mr. Getchell attended the meeting as it affects the town from a utility perspective.
- j. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

- a. **Other New Business** – No other new business.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary