

Denton Utility Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023

4:00PM

- I. Mr. Woomer called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Councilperson Lister, Leroy Woomer, Adam Jones, Scott Hollingsworth, Lee Tillery, Scott Getchell and Don Mulrine
- III. Minutes for November 16th 2022 meeting was approved on motion by Mr. Tillery and seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth. No discussion and unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Getchell stated that there had been a delay in starting due to cost overruns due to supply chain issues/COVID, etc. The town has received a new schedule of values with updated costs. Mr. Getchell has looked over scope and removed a few items that may not be needed and subsequently received the updated contract costs. The town will be submitting the modified/updated costs to MDE for approval and hoping to get approval and are anticipating/hoping for the project to start in early spring.
 - b. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Getchell stated that there is nothing new for review since previous approval. It is hopefully that by April we will have budgets to review and a 5-year capital budget to review as well.
 - c. **WWTP Sludge Management Project** – Mr. Getchell stated that the town has been given a draft report to review. Mr. Getchell has decided to also request to include updates to Basin 1 along with the costs. The town is currently waiting for new analysis for costs to include Sludge management and bring Basin 1 back online with updates on costs from the engineer.
 - d. **Capital Improvement Plan** – See notes above in the Water & Sewer Budgets.

- e. **Simple Fiber** – Councilperson Lister explained that a few concerns did come up with operations by customers looking for fiber connectivity. There was some discussion about how to make sure that Denton is working in stride with Simple Fiber to facilitate growth. There is continued discussion via an upcoming presentation on how we can help them grow. The town is looking to get a contract together to make certain we can protect the current and future infrastructure. Ongoing discussions with Simple Fiber are continuing about continued expansion.
- f. **Well #6** – Mr. Getchell commented that as stated in previous meetings, well went down and there were electrical issues. There is a proposal to replace the motor but to be fiscally responsible the town requested a 2nd proposal for comparative purposes. We will replace motor once we can review proposals, but we will not turn it on until we get electrical issues fixed.
- g. **Natural Gas Discussion** – No new updates.
- h. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

VI. **Water and Sewer Rate Study Update** – Mr. Getchell reached out to the company who did the last rate study to get us an updated report. He does not have an update on the cost yet. Once we get an estimate Mr. Getchell will update the commission.

VII. **Water and Sewer Allocation Comparison** – The Commission is to review documents provided. This study compares Denton's fees with other fees from neighboring communities/towns. The Commission to review and discuss at next meeting.

VIII. **Other New Business** – No other new business.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary