

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

November 15, 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 Leroy Woomer, Lee Tillery, Adam Jones, Scott Hollingsworth, Scott Getchell, Mark Chandler, Don Mulrine and Councilperson Lister.
- III. Minutes for September 20, 2023, meeting was approved on motion by Mr. Woomer and seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth. No discussion and unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Waterworth** – Mr. Grange Gordon presented Waterworth’s rate model via Zoom to the Commission about the Waterworth software/data analysis program. The presentation explained how the software / data collection will help with the Town’s analysis of current rates and predict future needs on rates and increases in real-time. The Annual cost for water and wastewater is \$9,900 and Mr. Gordon said that he would be able to get a discount of \$1,000 for an annual cost of \$8,900 with no onboarding fee. This type of solution is great at forecasting and providing detailed data. The Commission discussed information that we were given with benefits that would be helpful for the Town Council to make meaningful decisions for the town based on historical data. Motion by Mr. Hollingsworth to move forward with the product solution, Second by Mr. Tillery. Unanimously approved by the commission to make a recommendation to move forward with a 6-month study period to try product.
 - b. **Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Getchell stated that with the exception of cleanup, punch list and 4 valves to put in the project is almost done.
 - c. **Water/Sewer Extensions (ARPA Funding)** – Mr. Getchell provided the updated that Lindstrom Excavating was awarded their bid at a reduced scope to match the budget. 2nd Street and Sharp Road will have water and sewer extensions installed beginning late November. A sewer extension will be installed on Aldersgate Drive from the pump station to Camp Road. November 27th they will be starting to mobilize project which

is just getting underway. There will be some road closures and the town will make sure that there is plenty of notice both with signs and digital notices.

- d. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – This is a placeholder for FY25, no new information.
- e. **Simple Fiber** – Mr. Getchell noted that Simple Fiber is actively installing additional fiber throughout the town. There has not been anything worked out from a legal contract standpoint. They are continuing to add fiber out through the town per their original agreement. Town residents are happy with the service to date and Simple Fiber seems to be doing quality work.
- f. **Natural Gas Discussion** – No new updates.
- g. **West Denton PER** – Mr. Getchell reported to the Commission that McCrone is completing the study. The Sewer PER has been completed; water has not been completed. Once the study is completed and the county makes the document public it will be disclosed to the commission.
- h. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

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

VI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hollingsworth, Second by Mr. Tillery. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary