

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024
4:00 pm

1. Mr. Woomer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and thanked everyone in attendance.
2. Those in attendance were Leroy Woomer, Scott Getchell, Don Mulrine, Lee Tillery, Scott Hollingsworth, Mark Chandler, and approximately Councilman Lister (at 4:40 pm)
3. Minutes from the February 21st, 2024, meeting was approved on motion by Mr. Lee Tillery, seconded by Mr. Scott Hollingsworth. There was no discussion and unanimously approved.
4. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Waterworth:** No update
 - b. **Water Main Replacement Project (Franklin St):** Getchell stated ECM will return in April for punch list items.
 - c. **Water / Sewer Extensions ARPA:** Mulrine provided update on progress, stated sewer drops at each home on Sharp Road were complete, and sewer drops on Second Street were complete up to Martha Jane Street. Additionally, he stated 300 feet of Sewer Main was installed on Aldersgate to date and yesterday the second manhole was installed. Both projects are on track for April completion.
 - d. **Water / Sewer Budgets:** Getchell stated they are in progress.
 - e. **Simple Fiber:** Very little progress. Chandler stated the next area slated for underground bore is Fountain Avenue in the area of 3rd Street and Second Street.
 - f. **Third Pillar Floating Solar:** Concept was presented to Council in the March 18th Working Session. Getchell stated the agreement was refined, and once acceptable, will be presented to Council for consideration.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Ms Ashley Shiwarski from Home Serve Program in cooperation with National League of Cities presented (virtually) services for a water, sewer, and inside plumbing warranty for Denton residents. This service would cover repair / replacement of a homeowner's water / sewer lateral if it failed. Additionally, it would cover a homeowner's internal plumbing if any part failed. The cost structure is as follows: Water Line Coverage - \$5.75 per month, Sewer Lateral Coverage - \$7.75 per month, and Internal Plumbing Coverage - \$9.90 per month. Home Service Program would handle the marketing and contact residents. They would send out offer letters with both their letterhead as well as Town of Denton Seal on the mailer. UC Members unanimously agreed to have Ashley back at the next meeting (virtually) to answer questions raised by members after the presentation.
 - b. Woomer asked Chandler on updates of the following:
 - i. **Kamstrup Water Meters:** Chandler stated all but a few have been replaced and the DPW as well as Finance Department are satisfied with their performance. Chandler stated an expensive upgrade would allow the

Finance Department to automatically read all water meters from the Finance Office.

- ii. **Air Purge System at Wesleyan Pump Station:** Chandler stated the air purge system is working satisfactorily and keeping grease from solidifying inside the wetwell. Chandler also discussed alternatives however the air purge system is most economical and effective.
- iii. **Water Tower Mixers:** Chandler stated mixers were installed inside Industrial Park Tower as well as Camp Road Tower. Water quality seems to have improved, and chlorine residuals are more stable.
- iv. **PAR Mixers:** Chandler stated these mixers were procured from the EWIP grant. To date, the mixers are operating at 40% compared to the original mixers at 100%. The mixers are operating satisfactorily.
- v. **Trailered Pump:** Chandler stated we have purchased the pump, and we can now bypass any of our pump stations for maintenance or emergencies, as well as in the event of flooding we can move water fast and effectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Chandler
Superintendent of Public Works