

Denton Utility Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

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, Adam Jones and Scott Getchell
- III. Minutes for September 18, 2024, were moved to the next month's meeting for approval.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a. **Waterworth** – Mr. Getchell stated that there are no new updates at this point because Mr. Getchell needs to work with the Town's Finance Department to make sure all data input into the model is accurate. The current data may not be accurate and is seemingly outputting incorrect data. More to come as Mr. Getchell works with the Town to reflect 100% accurate data. At this point we do not have a base model to review.
 - b. **Sludge Management Upgrade** – Mr. Getchell reported that as disclosed in previous meetings that he noted the declination of funds to the Delegate's office. Mr. Getchell then reached out the comptroller's office and they wanted to set a meeting with her. Subsequently, Mr. Getchell received an email from MDE stating that they were going to rank Sludge Management much higher than in the past. The MDE disclosed to Mr. Getchell that the Town needs to re-apply and the chances of getting this grant should be improved.
 - c. **Water/Sewer Extensions (ARPA Funding)** – Mr. Getchell reported that this project has been closed out.
 - d. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Getchell stated that there are no new updates.
 - e. **Fiber Optic/Broadband** – Mr. Getchell reported that the town was approached by Talkie (a broadband company) about putting some equipment on the tower to broadcast broadband for another Internet service for the town. Mr. Getchell recommended that they set up time to speak to the commission about the potential of adding additional internet services. Mr. Getchell will first research this company from a due-diligence standpoint.

- f. **Third Pillar Floating Solar** – Mr. Getchell noted that the Town is still reviewing the agreement. There is still some back and forth between attorneys.

- g. **Lead Service Line Inventory** – Mr. Getchell reported that the Phase 1 mandate to complete inventory is finished and turned in to meet deadline. The town was also required to notify all the property owners who had metal pipe with a letter. Town is going to apply for funding to replace the metal pipe laterals. The state has not given guidance yet as to how funds will be given thus, the town is unclear on that information to report. Phase 2 will be replacing the metal piping at 10% per year which will start next year. More to come on funding and how that will work, this information will be communicated to the commission as it is available.

- h. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

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

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary