

## ***Denton Utility Commission***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

January 15, 2025

4:00PM

- I. Mr. Woomer called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and thanked all that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Leroy Woomer, Lee Tillery, Adam Jones, Mark Chandler, Councilperson Lister and Scott Getchell
- III. Minutes for September 18, 2024 and November 20, 2024, were reviewed and on motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Woomer the minutes were moved for approval. No discussion was had and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Open Issues
  - a. **Waterworth** – The commission heard from Calvin at Waterworth who shared water/sewer trends and future forecast of expenditures vs. revenue. Mr. Getchell shared that he has been working with Waterworth to get the town's water and sewer data loaded into the table. Mr. Getchell also asked the Waterworth team to set up the future outlook out 5 years to make adjustments. The commission is reviewing the current results, and they do show the need to make adjustments to avoid cash shortfalls in the next 5 years. Different philosophies of increases/adjustments were discussed with the commission. The Commission made the suggestion to the Town Council to have a minimum of 6 months operating expenses as cash reserves. Motion by Mr. Tillery and second by Mr. Woomer. Unanimously approved.
  - b. **Sludge Management Upgrade** – Mr. Getchell reported that they are actively applying for the Department of Environment program, and the end of this month is the deadline. Mr. Getchell also reached out to the MidShore Regional Council and they are going to add us to the priority list and possibly help with funding and will also be an advocate for the town.
  - c. **Water & Sewer Budgets** – Mr. Getchell stated that there are no new updates.

- d. **Fiber Optic/Broadband** – Mr. Getchell reported that there were no new updates.
- e. **Third Pillar Floating Solar** – Mr. Getchell noted that the agreement is coming to the Town council at the next meeting after all of the changes that had been made. Mr. Getchell reported that the town is close to finishing this item.
- f. **Lead Service Line Inventory** – Mr. Getchell had a meeting with GMB on this one as the town needs to make replacements. The estimate for the project is \$17M to make the needed replacements. The town will apply for the grant funding to cover the costs.
- g. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

- a. **Election of Officers for 2025** – The members are to appoint the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The commission discussed this item and all positions to be kept as they are today. Motion by Councilperson Lister and Second by Mr. Tillery. Approved Unanimously.
- b. **Member Vacancy** – Mr. Scott Hollingsworth resigned his position. The membership is to present a candidate to the Town Council to fill Mr. Hollingsworth's term. It was discussed and the commission will seek out a replacement for Mr. Hollingsworth. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. **2025 Meeting Schedule** – Getchell submitted a proposed meeting schedule for review and approval. There was a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule (See below) by Councilperson Lister, second by Mr. Woomer. Unanimously approved.

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary

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## *APPROVED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025*

- January 15th
- February 19th
- March 19th
- April 23rd
- May 21st
- June 18th
- July 16th
- August 20th
- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th
- December 17th