

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes

October 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, Ann Jacobs, and Scott Getchell.
- III. Minutes for August 20, 2025, were reviewed and on motion by Mr. Woomer and seconded by Mr. Jones, the minutes were moved for approval. No discussion was had and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Open Issues

- a. **Water & Sewer Rates** – Mr. Getchell presented the W/S Ordinances with the updated fee structures to the Commission. It was noted that the presented document has both removal of verbiage that was subsequently replaced with the new verbiage to describe the new increased rates and rate structure that was proposed by the Utility Commission at the previous meeting. This included annual rate increases for 3 subsequent years vs. a piece meal increase with variable term timing. The changes in the document also adjusted the town's ERU structure and updated the ERU table. These changes to the ERU model were modeled from other jurisdictions and historical data to be more transparent and easier to understand. The Commission has recommended that the town move forward with the proposed changes. Motion by Ms. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. Woomer. Unanimously approved.
- b. **Sludge Management Upgrade** – Mr. Getchell shared a letter from MDE to the Commission that described to the Town that they are willing to provide loan funding to cover the project. The total note would be \$8.9M and offered some possibility for principal forgiveness. The disclosed potential forgiveness of the note would be roughly \$3.25M from a funding perspective. This is something that the town needs to move forward with as sludge management is a struggle for the town and needs to be addressed. Mr. Getchell is still going to work on reaching out to find out why we did not qualify for grant funding and will still pursue grant funding to help.
- c. **Fiber Optic/Broadband** – Mr. Getchell reported that the Mid-Shore regional council requested the number of connections to Simple Fiber that have been made and it was shared that to date we have had 160+ connections.

d. **Lead Service Line Inventory** – Mr. Getchell reported that we still have not gotten anywhere for funding on the Service Line replacement. Additionally, if a client has been identified with lead lines, they are notified with a letter, which the town has done as needed.

e. **Other Open Issues** - None

V. New Business

a. None

VI. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn at 4:54 by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Woomer. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adam Jones, Secretary