

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026
4:00 pm

1. Mr. Woomer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. Those in attendance were Leroy Woomer, Lee Tillery, Ann Jacobs, Dallas Lister, Scott Getchell and Mark Chandler
3. Previous Minutes from November 19, 2025, were reviewed. Ann Jacobs made a motion to approve, Mr. Woomer seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved with no discussion.

4. Open Issues

- a. **Water and Sewer Rates:** Getchell stated the new rates took effect on Jan 1; states March will start adding numbers to Waterworth to check past year.
- b. **Sludge Management Upgrade:** Getchell stated he requested to MDE that RK&K remain as our engineer since they did our PER and were competitively procured. MDE hasn't approved of his request. There are a couple more forms he must complete prior to approval (Per MDE's statement). Once approved by the MDE, RK&K's engineering services proposal will go to Council for approval to begin design.
- c. **Fiber Optic and Broadband:** Getchell shared the Town's plan to connect the Police Department to the Town Office via fiber optic for significant bandwidth improvement for their internet. The Town's new IT company has already made the connection from the Town Office to the PD, now the PD has a much more reliable internet connection. Dallas inquired about the status of the Town's contract with Simple Fiber. The term expires in December 2027.
- d. **Lead Line Inventory:** Getchell stated we applied for grant funding in 2025 from MDE for \$20 million to replace metal service lines and did not get a loan/grant offer. Getchell stated the Town will reapply in 2026 for the same amount. Moving forward, if a service lateral is found leaking, the Town will replace it with a non-metallic pipe. There are between 500 and 600 service lines that need to be replaced.
- e. **Third Pillar Floating Solar:** Nothing to report
- f. **No other open issues**

New Business

1. Election of Officers

- a. Adam Jones is no longer on the board, his term ended in December 2025.
- b. Members unanimously voted Leroy Womer for Chairperson (Incumbent); Ann made motion, Lee Tillery seconded the motion.
- c. Members unanimously voted for Lee Tillery as Vice Chair (Incumbent); Ann made first motion; Leroy Seconded the motion.
- d. The Secretary position will be tabled until a replacement Utility Commission member is found.

2. Other New Business

- a. None

Motion to adjourn:

1. Lee Tillery made a motion to adjourn at 4:33 pm.