

# Denton Utility Commission

## Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026

4:00PM

- I. Mr. Woomer called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM and thanked the attending members.
- II. Those in attendance were Leroy Woomer, Lee Tillery, Councilman Lister, Scott Getchell, and Mark Chandler.
- III. Minutes for the January 21, 2026, meeting were reviewed. A motion by Leroy Woomer and a second by Lee Tillery lead to unanimous approval with no discussion.

### Open Issues

a. *Water & Sewer rates* – New sewer rates went into effect in January. Those rates will be reflected on the April bill.

b. *Sludge Management Upgrade* – Mr. Getchell reported the Town Council approved the proposal to have RKK Engineering proceed with the design and bidding phases of the project. Funding for the project has been committed by MDE, but the loan has not closed. A request for additional funding via Congressional Funding has been completed. The bidding process is estimated to begin in approximately 1 year.

c. *Fiber Optic/Broadband* – Councilman Lister began a discussion centered on the town owning the infrastructure to provide fiber optic internet service to homeowners and businesses in the town. He had some preliminary discussions with Maryland Broadband about possible ways to begin this process. Councilman Lister was interested in whether the commission would support the idea of having a Fiber optic/Broadband utility with the accompanying enterprise fund. Councilman Lister fielded many questions from the commission. Many of the details remain to be answered but the members of the commission were each willing to accept the idea. Councilman Lister will report back on a regular basis as additional information is obtained.

d. *Lead Service Line* – Mr. Getchell reported that approximately 3 million dollars with loan forgiveness has been added to the Maryland Use Table for replacing lead service lines. More information should be available in the next several months.

e. *Member Appointment* – A possible member has been contacted, and we are waiting on a response. The appointment of a secretary for the commission has been tabled until next meeting.

h. *Other Open Issues* – None.

### **New Business**

a. *Ordinance Review* – Mr. Woomer questioned if there was a need for a regular review of the sewer and water ordinances by the utility commission. Mr. Getchell commented that the ordinances are relatively new and are current. Each member was encouraged to review the ordinances individually and bring questions and/or concerns to the next commission meeting.

b. *Next Meeting* - Due to scheduling conflicts the April Utility Commission meeting will be canceled. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2026.

V. The meeting was adjourned by a motion by Mr. Woomer and a second by Mr. Tillery.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Leroy Woomer