

Denton Utility Commission
Meeting Agenda

June 6, 2018
4:00PM

- I. Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM and thanked all those that were in attendance.
- II. Those in attendance were Scott Getchell, Albert McCullough, Adam Jones, Leroy Woomer, Don Mulrine and Phil Clark.
- III. On motion by Mr. McCullough and a second from Mr. Jones the minutes for the meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- IV. Open Issues
 - a) **Water/Sewer Rate Model** – In discussion and review of last meetings water and sewer rates, Mr. Mulrine proposed that the Denton Town Council suggested that we raise the rates by 2 increments instead of one. There was discussion of doing 2 increments and pros and cons. The question is to whether the advisory board would be ok with the increased incremental adjustment. Based on that data that had been provided by the rate study, the rates will need to go up eventually and we are ok with the increase and re-analyzing the cost/income data in the future. Mr. McCullough motions that we endorse the council's recommendation to increase rates to 2020 rate schedule second by Scott. All are in favor with the Council's suggestion of the increase.
 - b) **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – Scott has provided bid set for the plant upgrade and will be having a pre bid meeting on June 22nd. This will be out to bid until July 13th for the proposed construction. Plans were presented for DUC to review. Expectation is that Scott will get 6 or so bids in for the construction project. Schedule is tentatively to have something awarded by the August Council meeting if all goes as planned.
 - c) **FY19 Budget Process** – Don mentioned that Mark has numbers and putting together capital plan now. Budget will come here first then to the council so that we can see before council approves.
 - d) Don presented PowerPoint presentation for the power plant proposed for the Town of Denton. It was presented and discussed the goal is 2020 for

the build 2022 for it to go online is the thought. Utility board will eventually need to be included on this as there will be some utility needs. However, this is still a while out and in the beginning stages of planning.

e) **Other Open Issues**

Email from Leroy proposes that Mr. Jones, who ran the rate study for us would run projections to show Council what the increased rates would look like on projections for income that would be generated over the expenses. It was noted that the rate study and contract work done by Mr. Jones had been completed and this was not an option under our current contract.

V. New Business

- a) **Water Meter Fee** – Mr. Clark proposed to increase rates for meter fee and because of new meters there are additional costs and the costs have never gone up. There are 2 issues, one being costs per new house and the other being the cost of replacing each meter. Suggested connection fee is \$350 and quarterly rate to \$8.75 v. \$4 for meter fee to budget for replacement meters over 10 years. Motion by Mr. McCullough to increase to the suggested amount and second by Mr. Getchell and all were in favor.

Other New Business – We were updated on the Legion road issue, and the influx of water 35,000 gallons per day from the sewer line. The sewer pipe cracked and there will be a \$15-\$20k expense to fix sewer pipe. Thought it was hit but there was no evidence on the top or bottom that could be proven.

- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM and the next meeting will be tentatively scheduled at 4:00 on July, 11 2018 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary