

## JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

### MINUTES

August 18, 2021

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, August 18, 2021 meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve MacDougall, Chairman - Town of Lexington  
Michael Bishop, Town of Springdale  
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston  
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington  
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia  
Bobby Porter, Town of South Congaree  
Frank Shumpert, Town of Pelion

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Donna Peeler, Intergov. Relations
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Gene House, Operations Manager
Ashton Blocker, Finance	Barry Leaphart, Operations
Melinda Lee, Customer Service	Candice Morris, Customer Service
Rita Shumpert, Customer Service	Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service
Trent Stafford, Operations	Mike Coffey, Operations
Joseph Hardee, Operations	Adam Harmon, Operations
David Curry, Operations	Craig Byrd, Operations
Tevin Copeland, Operations	Justin Gold, Operations
Nathan Craps, Operations	

Chairman called the meeting to order.

The Chairman confirmed the media had been notified.

Chairman MacDougall addressed item three (3) regarding consideration of minutes from the 05/12/21 meeting. Mr. Bobby Keisler made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Troy Bivens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item four (4) regarding employee recognition of Mr. Craig Byrd, Sr. Mr. Jay Nicholson recognized Mr. Craig Byrd, Sr. for 20 years of service at the Commission from July 2001 to July 2021. Craig was presented a plaque and the board thanked Mr. Byrd for his dedication and commitment to the Commission.

Chairman MacDougall addressed item five (5) General Manager's report. Mr. Jay Nicholson then presented an informal report to the board. A full copy of the report is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

The Chairman addressed item seven (7) regarding announcements. Mr. Nicholson congratulated Donna West on being inducted into the 5S Society at the SCEC Conference this month. Mr.

Nicholson also congratulated Mr. Jim Matthews who received the W.T. Linton Award at the SCEC Conference. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

As there was no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.



Period covered: May 12 – August 18, 2021

### General Information

- Craig Byrd 20yr service recognition
- Biff Blocker promoted to Finance Manager
- Legislative/Regulatory update; continue to watch legislation that may impact water utilities and public employees in general (i.e. environmental, PEBA, etc.)
  - ARPA, SRS settlement project funding; will be requesting available funds from the State and County to apply towards water and sewer infrastructure projects
  - Risk and Resiliency Assessment completed; reviewing recommendations to discuss in future meetings
- Technology projects are ramping up again; Project Portal, CMMS/CIS/AMI GAP analysis
- Apartment complex on Charter Oak Rd
- All staff reporting to the office; social distance and other safety protocols will remain in effect; office is open to public by appointment only, otherwise closed

### Water

- CWC water plant expansion meeting held in May following capacity request and completion of PER; no additional feedback from CWC at this time
- Counts Ferry site:
  - We received FERC approval in July for 50MGD at the future facility
  - Suspended geotechnical work due to scheduling and construction delays; will resume work this fall
- Water Main phase for Charter Oak Tank is complete; DHEC approval May 12, 2021
- DS Utilities completed the water plant transmission main; approval from DHEC received on May 12, 2021
- Charter Oak Elevated Water Tank construction has begun; most of the grading and storm drainage has been completed; construction camera installed
- Design for Phase two of water transmission main is complete; we have delayed advertising due to market volatility and supply chain issues; we have completed a small section in front of Lake Murray Elementary to comply with our commitment to the school district
- The Wooten Company continues work on the Pelion waterline replacement project; there was a delay in receiving all permits; we hope to advertise the project soon
- Discussions with B-L re: long-term wholesale water supply from JMWSC continue
- Old Cherokee/St. Peter's Ch Rd relocation for SCDOT traffic circle

### Wastewater

- We continue waiting on Cayce's attorney and our attorney to complete deed of Cayce sewer metering stations



PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION

## General Manager's Report

August 18, 2021

- Mulberry extension in Pelion is complete; closed with Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)
- DS Utilities continues work on the Old Barnwell/Red Bank Creek Sewer Project; all bursting complete within Garden Pond Subdivision; remaining 24" on south side of Red Bank Creek and CIPP along pond dam between Garden Pond and Land of the Lakes
- We are on the Intended Use Plan for SCDHEC SRF for the Old Orangeburg to Platt Springs Rd Sewer Upgrade; we have received CDBG funding for this project; hope to begin engineering soon
- Received RFQs for engineering design on Old Orangeburg Sewer Upgrades; working towards a contract with AECOM
- Working with developers of YMCA property (Ashton Lakes) on the close-out of the Colony Lake lift station; proposal from developer is still under review (comments submitted)

JMWSC at a Glance	Jun-20	FY20 Growth	Previous YTD	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	FY21 Growth	Previous YTD	Jul-21	FY22 Growth	Previous YTD
	<b>Customer Data</b>																			
Water customers	17,956	3.82%	4.31%	18,022	18,034	18,079	18,120	18,141	18,215	18,300	18,391	18,448	18,500	18,526	18,563	3.38%	3.82%	18,600	0.21%	0.37%
Sewer customers	5,356	5.85%	5.13%	5,393	5,402	5,432	5,451	5,459	5,483	5,547	5,567	5,602	5,634	5,642	5,650	5.49%	5.85%	5,655	0.09%	0.69%
New water only	25	349	428	25	23	17	19	15	36	15	53	17	19	28	36	303	349	20	20	25
New water/sewer	32	284	242	34	11	28	25	5	51	54	16	30	37	4	5	300	284	6	6	34
<b>Total new customers</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>59</b>
Start accounts	275			290	301	233	208		208	177	181	263	193	221	271			250		
Close accounts	77			80	80	73	67		62	47	47	69	57	61	78			66		
Meters read (AMR)	18,181			18,251	18,341	18,346	18,386	18,429	18,447	18,530	18,606	18,687	18,738	18,788	18,819			18,853		
Meters unread (AMR)	139			160	130	98	155	166	108	122	205	147	186	202	152			101		
Disconnected/nonpmt	COVID-19			COVID-19	145	155	146	178	142	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	62	115	114			101		
Remain disconnected	COVID-19			COVID-19	31	33	13	33	16	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	22	12	19			22		
<b>Water quality complaints</b>																				
Taste/odor/color	3			0	0	2	3		1	3	1	2	2	0	2			0		
Pressure	18			7	13	4	4		9	3	3	6	7	7	10			6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>6</b>		
<b>Flow Data (MGD)</b>																				
Water avg daily flows	7.13			7.57	6.38	6.84	5.80	5.19	4.63	4.51	4.32	4.73	7.16	8.14	7.11			6.95		
previous year	7.10			7.70	7.65	7.46	6.53	4.58	4.13	3.95	3.89	4.45	6.23	6.85	7.13			7.57		
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.263			1.234	1.217	1.33	1.17	1.195	1.261	1.273	1.367	1.397	1.371	1.299	1.357			1.324		
previous year	1.175			1.061	est	est	1.18	1.197	1.255	1.289	1.268	1.346	1.193	1.143	1.263			1.234		
<b>Current projects</b>																				
			Res lots															Res lots		
Residential	37	water	sewer	37		39	40		37	37	37		34					33	water	sewer
Commercial	12	1,558	1,134	11		18	17		19	17	15		15					18	1,657	1,084
JMWSC	8			9		9	9		10	10	10		10					11		
<b>Total projects</b>	<b>57</b>			<b>57</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>		<b>59</b>					<b>62</b>		
Locates received	1022			1052	1043	1016	1081	667	734	815	878	1047	1211	988	1067			1000		
Locates marked	712			681	640	623	943	650	731	811	867	703	1121	634	651			540		
Total LF marked	44,211			39,867	38,000	36,000	28,000	44,540	39,307	48,436	70,120	57,670	55,680	57,670	55,680			63,650		

Revenues/Expenses thru June 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	18,362,952	17,950,199	102%
Operating Expenses*	9,280,068	10,452,964	89%

\*Direct operating revenues/expenses only. Does not include debt service and depreciation information.

Revenues/Expenses thru July 2021	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	1,905,857	18,629,993	10%
Operating Expenses*	655,374	11,431,010	6%

\*Direct operating revenues/expenses only. Does not include debt service and depreciation information.