

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 13, 2021

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, October 13, 2021, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve MacDougall, Chairman - Town of Lexington
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston
Joseph Hardee, Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Bobby Porter, Town of South Congaree
Michael Bishop, Town of Springdale
Lancer Shull, Town of Batesburg-Leesville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Donna Peeler, Intergov. Relations
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Gene House, Operations Manager
Ashton Blocker, Finance	Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.
Barry Leaphart, 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 09/8/21 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) 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.

Chairman MacDougall addressed item five (5) Executive Session regarding water sale and purchase agreement. Mr. Michael Bishop made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Tem Miles recusing himself from Executive Session.

Coming out of Executive Session the Chairman stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session except for the vote to come out of Executive Session.

The Chairman addressed item seven (7) regarding announcements. Mr. Nicholson announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for November 10th. The Commission Christmas party is scheduled for December 2, 2021.

As there was no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.



Period covered: September 8 – October 13, 2021

General Information

- Haley Alexander was awarded the Jack Kates Memorial Scholarship from the Capital District
- Legislative/Regulatory update; continue to watch legislation that may impact water utilities and public employees in general (i.e. environmental, PEBA, etc.)
- Technology projects are moving forward; Project Portal, CMMS/CIS/AMI
- Saluda River Basin collaborative meets tomorrow – Dominion speaking about Lake Murray
- Onsite visit from auditors last month; anticipate presenting financial report in January 2022
- Meeting with RFC last month to discuss tap fee analysis; work to begin next month
- All staff reporting to the office; returned to regular workspace this week; office is open to public by appointment only, otherwise closed

Water

- Received letter from CWC dated 9/22/2021 regarding plant expansion and pending revised PER (executive session discussion)
- Counts Ferry site:
 - Geotechnical work will resume work this fall
- Charter Oak Elevated Water Tank construction underway; foundation and initial level have been poured
- 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 has provided final plans for the Pelion Water Main 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 traffic circle was bid by SCDOT; LAD was the low bidder; waiting on DOT for pre-con and project schedule

Wastewater

- We are working to coordinate a meeting with Cayce staff regarding the deed of sewer metering stations
- 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
- 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/negotiation
- Working with Hazen and Frazier Engineering on plan for Lexington Hill Lift Station due to growth

JMWSC at a Glance

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 Aug-21 Sep-21 **FY22 Growth** **Previous YTD**

Customer Data

Water customers	18,079	18,120	18,141	18,215	18,300	18,391	18,448	18,500	18,526	18,563	18,563	3,38%	3,82%	18,600	18,632	18,649	0,48%	0,69%
Sewer customers	5,432	5,451	5,459	5,483	5,547	5,567	5,602	5,634	5,642	5,650	5,650	5,49%	5,85%	5,655	5,665	5,671	0,39%	1,42%
New water only	17	19	15	36	15	53	17	19	28	36	303	349	20	16	16	8	44	65
New water/sewer	28	25	5	51	54	16	30	37	4	5	300	284	6	14	5	25	73	73
Total new customers	45	44	20	87	69	69	47	56	32	41	603	633	26	30	13	69	138	138
Start accounts	233	208		208	177	181	263	193	221	271			250	262	258			
Close accounts	73	67		62	47	47	69	57	61	78			66	87	71			
Meters read (AMR)	18,346	18,386	18,429	18,447	18,530	18,606	18,687	18,738	18,788	18,819			18,853	18,893	18,819			
Meters unread (AMR)	98	155	166	108	122	205	147	186	202	152			101	94	105			
Disconnected/nonpmt	155	146	178	142	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	114			101	91	101			
Remain disconnected	33	13		16	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	19			22	15	16			

Water quality complaints

Taste/odor/color	2	3		1	3	1	2	2	2	0	2
Pressure	4	4		9	3	3	6	7	7	7	10
Total	6	7		10	6	4	8	9	9	7	12

	0	1	5
	6	15	1
	6	16	6

Flow Data (MGD)

Water avg daily flows	6.84	5.80	5.19	4.63	4.51	4.32	4.73	7.16	8.14	7.11
previous year	7.46	6.53	4.58	4.13	3.95	3.89	4.45	6.23	6.85	7.13
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.33	1.17	1.195	1.261	1.273	1.367	1.397	1.371	1.299	1.357
previous year	est	1.18	1.197	1.255	1.289	1.268	1.346	1.193	1.143	1.263

	6.95	7.32	6.34
	7.57	6.38	6.84
	1.324	1.446	1.496
	1.234	1.217	1.33

Current projects

Residential	39	40		37	37	37	37	34		
Commercial	18	17		19	17	15	15	15		
JMWSC	9	9		10	10	10	10	10		
Total projects	66	66		66	64	62	59	59		
Locates received	1016	1081	667	734	815	878	1047	1211	988	1067
Locates marked	623	943	650	731	811	867	703	1121	634	651
Total LF marked	36,000	28,000	44,540	39,307	48,436	70,120	57,670	55,680	57,670	55,680

	33	33	38	water	sewer
	18	18	19	1,856	1,279
	11	11	11		
	62	62	68		
	1000	1133	1063		
	540	11000	1000		
	63,650	74,510	69,270		

Revenues/Expenses thru Sep 2021

Operating Revenues*	5,488,909	18,629,993	29%
Operating Expenses*	2,510,018	11,431,010	22%

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