

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 12, 2022

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, January 12, 2022, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve MacDougall, Chairman - Town of Lexington
Joseph Hardee, Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Viola McDaniel, Town of Swansea
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Bobby Porter, Town of South Congaree
Lancer Shull, Town of Batesburg-Leesville
Frank Shumpert, Town of Pelion

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Barry Leaphart, Operations
Ashton Blocker, Finance	Brittany Harmon, Finance
Madeline Zimmerman, Finance	Donna West, Engineering
Rita Shumpert, Customer Service	Melinda Lee, Customer Service
Mike Coffey, Operations	Timothy McLemore, Engineering
Robert Kyzer, Engineering	Lauren, Lizabeth, and Luke Schmoltze

The 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 11/10/21 meeting. Mr. Lancer Shull made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item four (4) regarding oath of office for the new Commissioner. The Chairman introduced Mayor Viola McDaniel as the new Commissioner for Town of Swansea. The Secretary read the oath to swear in the new Commissioner for Town of Swansea, and she responded and agreed to uphold the oath.

Chairman MacDougall addressed item five (5) regarding employee recognition of Mr. Guy Schmoltze. Mr. Jay Nicholson recognized Mr. Guy Schmoltze for 20 years of service at the Commission from December 2001 to December 2021. Guy was presented a plaque and the board thanked Mr. Schmoltze for his dedication and commitment to the Commission.

The Chairman addressed item six (6) 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 seven (7) Executive Session regarding water sale and purchase agreement. Mr. Joseph Hardee 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.

The Chairman addressed item nine (9) regarding announcements. Mr. Nicholson announced that the next Commission meeting will be held February 9, 2022. The WEASC District meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20th at the Town of Lexington.

As there was no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.



Period covered: November 10, 2021 – January 12, 2022

General Information

- Legislative/Regulatory update; continue to watch legislation that may impact water utilities and public employees in general (i.e. LCR, PFOS/PFAS, ARPA, etc.)
- Continuing to chip away at various technology projects; Project Portal, CMMS/CIS/AMI
- Saluda River Basin collaborative meets again 2/10
- COVID – latest spike has impacted staff, office remains open for now
- Presentation to South Congaree Town Council on 11/16/21
- ACFR is being finalized for presentation from auditor in February
- Jimmy Wigglesworth named memorial scholarship is generating funding interest; \$15k raised so far, 25k to fully fund

Water

- Platt Springs tank cleaned and inspected in November
- Discussions with B-L re: long-term wholesale water supply from JMWSC continue
- Working on pressure and flow operational analysis in White Knoll HS area
- **Current CIP:**
 - Counts Ferry site: Geotech has resumed
 - Charter Oak Elevated Water Tank construction continues, riser nearly completed
 - Phase two of water plant transmission main – bidding on hold
 - Pelion Water Main Project
 - Old Cherokee/St. Peter's Ch Rd relocation for traffic circle
 - Black Jack Oak Lane
 - Muddy Springs Water Main Extension
 - Lakewood Water Main Relocation (County)

Wastewater

- **Current CIP:**
 - Old Barnwell/Red Bank Creek Sewer Project
 - Old Orangeburg Sewer Upgrades
 - YMCA property (Ashton Lakes)
 - Lexington Hill Lift Station evaluation
 - Evaluating growth in Hwy 6/Pelion corridor

JMWSC at a Glance	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	FY21 Growth	Previous YTD	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	FY22 Growth	Previous YTD
	Customer Data																
Water customers	18,215	18,300	18,391	18,448	18,500	18,526	18,563	3.38%	3.82%	18,600	18,632	18,649	18,676	18,690	18,731	0.91%	1.60%
Sewer customers	5,483	5,547	5,567	5,602	5,634	5,642	5,650	5.49%	5.85%	5,655	5,665	5,671	5,681	5,680	5,687	0.65%	2.09%
New water only	36	15	53	17	19	28	36	303	349	20	16	8	17	12	39	112	171
New water/sewer	51	54	16	30	37	4	5	300	284	6	14	5	7	1	8	41	94
Total new customers	87	69	69	47	56	32	41	603	633	26	30	13	24	13	47	153	265
Start accounts	208	177	181	263	193	221	271			250	262	258	202		160		
Close accounts	62	47	47	69	57	61	78			66	87	71	64		41		
Meters read (AMR)	18,447	18,530	18,606	18,687	18,738	18,788	18,819			18,853	18,893	18,819	18,848	18,837	18,919		
Meters unread (AMR)	108	122	205	147	186	202	152			101	94	105	98	127	66		
Disconnected/nonpmt	142	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	62	115	114			101	91	101	114	124	124		
Remain disconnected	16	COVID-19	COVID-19	COVID-19	22	12	19			22	15	16	14	18	14		
Water quality complaints																	
Taste/odor/color	1	3	1	2	2	0	2			0	1	5	3		1		
Pressure	9	3	3	6	7	7	10			6	15	1	3		6		
Total	10	6	4	8	9	7	12			6	16	6	6		7		
Flow Data (MGD)																	
Water avg daily flows	4.63	4.51	4.32	4.73	7.16	8.14	7.11			6.95	7.32	6.34	5.40	4.45	4.13		
previous year	4.13	3.95	3.89	4.45	6.23	6.85	7.13			7.57	6.38	6.84	5.80	5.19	4.63		
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.261	1.273	1.367	1.397	1.371	1.299	1.357			1.324	1.446	1.496	1.39	1.39	1.34		
previous year	1.255	1.289	1.268	1.346	1.193	1.143	1.263			1.234	1.217	1.33	1.17	1.197	1.255		
Current projects																	
Residential	37	37	37		34					33	33	38	38		36	water	sewer
Commercial	19	17	15		15					18	18	19	20		21	1,839	1,273
JMWSC	10	10	10		10					11	11	11	9		9		
Total projects	66	64	62		59					62	62	68	67		66		
Locates received	734	815	878	1047	1211	988	1067			1000	1133	1063	992	962	900		
Locates marked	731	811	867	703	1121	634	651			540	11000	1000	650	685	504		
Total LF marked	39,307	48,436	70,120	57,670	55,680	57,670	55,680			63,650	74,510	69,270	86,456	87,252	74,887		

Revenues/Expenses thru Dec 2021

	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	10,220,534	18,629,993	55%
Operating Expenses*	4,922,501	11,431,010	43%

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