

## JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

### MINUTES

May 18, 2022

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, May 18, 2022, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve MacDougall, Chairman - Town of Lexington  
Joseph Hardee, Vice-Chairman - Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District  
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston  
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington  
Viola McDaniel, Town of Swansea  
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia  
Bobby Porter, Town of South Congaree  
Juston Ricard, Town of Springdale  
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	Madeline Zimmerman, Finance
Gene House, Operations Manager	Brittany Harmon, Finance
Cindy Campbell, South Congaree	

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 2/9/22 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 General Manager's report. Mr. Jay Nicholson 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 – CWC, property purchase for future water tank – B-L project and Charter Oak tank. Mr. Bobby Keisler made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Joseph Hardee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tem Miles recused himself from the meeting before there was any discussion regarding the purchase agreement CWC.

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) Proposed Budget FY 2022-2023. Mr. Ashton Blocker presented the budget to the board and gave an overview of the budget highlights. The Chairman

asked if anyone had any questions. Hearing none, the Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Bobby Keisler made the motion to approve the proposed FY 2022-2023 budget as submitted. Mr. Bobby Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item eight (8) regarding announcements. Mr. Nicholson stated that the WEASC District meeting will be held 5/19/22. Water Quality Association meeting 5/19/22. And the next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

As there was no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.



Period covered: April 20 – May 18, 2022

### General Information

- Legislative/Regulatory update; regular legislative session has ended with ARPA passing; first round of money anticipated to be available for application in June 2022
- Technology projects ongoing; Project Portal, CMMS/CIS/AMI
- Saluda River Basin collaborative met 5/12/22; will continue bimonthly meetings
- RIA Regional Feasibility Planning Grant (\$100K); help small systems to evaluate needs – must include a regionalization option
- Assisting South Congaree with sewer feasibility study efforts
- Initial evaluation of pond dam sinkhole in Pelion completed
- Received reply from West Columbia after April report; we have sent a response with a commitment to move forward; more on this in executive session
- CWC has decided to move forward with selecting AECOM for engineering services for the plant expansion; more on this in executive session

### Water

- B-L contract was executed by the Town on February 14<sup>th</sup>; work has begun; tank site identified pending due diligence; kudos to Mayor Shull for getting this project approved by B-L
- Continue working on pressure and flow operational analysis in White Knoll HS area
- Updated Hydraulic Model for entire distribution system
- **Current/Ongoing CIP:**
  - Charter Oak Elevated Water Tank (installed)
  - Phase two of water plant transmission main (anticipate bidding this summer)
  - Pelion Water Main Project – bid 3/2/229 (pipe delivery 2023)
  - Old Cherokee/St. Peter's Ch Rd relocation for traffic circle (construction has started)
  - Black Jack Oak Lane (installed)
  - Muddy Springs Water Main Extension (installed, waiting on closeout documents)
  - Lakewood Water Main Relocation (Completed)
  - B-L Water Supply Project (engineering and surveying stage)

### Wastewater

- **Current/Ongoing CIP:**
  - Old Barnwell/Red Bank Creek Sewer Project (completed, final disbursement received)
  - Old Orangeburg Sewer Upgrades (PER completed, wetlands study begun)
  - YMCA property - Ashton Lakes (plans approved)
  - Lexington Hills Lift Station (will be rehabilitated)
  - Evaluating growth in Hwy 6/Pelion corridor (ongoing)
  - Two Notch Lift Station #2 rehabilitation (evaluation stage)
  - Summer Orchard sewer (GSRWD water – working on billing agreement)

JMWSC at a Glance	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	FY21 Growth	Previous YTD	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	FY22 Growth	Previous YTD
	<b>Customer Data</b>																
Water customers	18,500	18,526	18,563	3.38%	3.82%	18,600	18,632	18,649	18,676	18,690	18,731	18,824	18,914	18,984	19,014	2.43%	3.03%
Sewer customers	5,634	5,642	5,650	5.49%	5.85%	5,655	5,665	5,671	5,681	5,680	5,687	5,767	5,832	5,873	5,881	4.09%	5.19%
New water only	19	28	36	303	349	20	16	8	17	12	39	12	19	44	16	203	239
New water/sewer	37	4	5	300	284	6	14	5	7	1	8	82	56	39	3	221	291
<b>Total new customers</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>530</b>
Start accounts	193	221	271			250	262	258	202		160	170		225	223		
Close accounts	57	61	78			66	87	71	64		41	40		74	71		
Meters read (AMR)	18,738	18,788	18,819			18,853	18,893	18,819	18,848	18,837	18,919	18,862	19,070	19,137	19,181		
Meters unread (AMR)	186	202	152			101	94	105	98	127	66	158	39	57	95		
Disconnected/nonpmt	62	115	114			101	91	101	114	124	124	170	141	85	132		
Remain disconnected	22	12	19			22	15	16	14	18	14	25	26	16	21		
<b>Water quality complaints</b>																	
Taste/odor/color	2	0	2			0	1	5	3		1	3		2	0		
Pressure	7	7	10			6	15	1	3		6	13		4	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Flow Data (MGD)</b>																	
Water avg daily flows	7.16	8.14	7.11			6.95	7.32	6.34	5.40	4.45	4.13	4.17	4.36	4.62	5.64		
previous year	6.23	6.85	7.13			7.57	6.38	6.84	5.80	5.19	4.63	4.51	4.32	4.73	7.16		
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.371	1.299	1.357			1.324	1.446	1.496	1.39	1.39	1.34	1.37	1.367	1.329	1.365		
previous year	1.193	1.143	1.263			1.234	1.217	1.33	1.17	1.197	1.255	1.273	1.367	1.397	1.371		
<b>Current projects</b>																	
Residential	34					33	33	38	38		36	33		37	37	Res lots	
Commercial	15					18	18	19	20		21	21		21	23	water	sewer
JMWSC	10					11	11	11	9		9	9		9	9	1,957	1,529
<b>Total projects</b>	<b>59</b>					<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>		
Locates received	1211	988	1067			1000	1133	1063	992	962	900	940	1121	1334	1107		
Locates marked	1121	634	651			540	11000	1000	650	685	504	722	720	765	653		
Total LF marked	55,680	57,670	55,680			63,650	74,510	69,270	86,456	87,252	74,887	68,755	64,715	56,580	52,380		

Revenues/Expenses thru April 2022	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	15,958,091	18,629,993	86%
Operating Expenses*	8,313,573	11,431,010	73%

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