

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 13, 2025

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, August 13, 2025, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Shumpert, Chairman - Town of Pelion
Joseph Hardee, Vice-Chairman - Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District
Tim James, City of Cayce
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Juston Ricard, Town of Springdale
Lancer Shull, Town of Batesburg-Leesville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Gene House, Operations Manager
Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.	Ashton Blocker, Finance
Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service	Melinda Lee, Operations
Sara Teem, Customer Service	Barry Leaphart, Operations
Anthony Self, Engineering	Jamin Wade, WLTX
Dr. JD Hyman, Summer Orchard Resident	Numerous Other Summer Orchard Residents

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Lancer Shull gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Chairman confirmed the media had been notified.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item four (4) regarding consideration of minutes from the 06/11/25 meeting. Mr. Joseph Hardee made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item five (5) Election of Officers. Mr. Nicholson asked for nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. Mr. Tim James made the motion to keep the current slate of officers. Mr. Frank Shumpert as Chairman, Mr. Joseph Hardee as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jay Nicholson as Treasurer and Ms. Stephanie Morton as Secretary. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item six (6) regarding public comment from Dr. JD Hyman, a Summer Orchard subdivision resident that wanted to address the board regarding sewer rates. Mr. Jay Nicholson introduced Dr. Hyman. Dr. Hyman addressed the board for 5 minutes asking for consideration of another billing method for flat rate sewer. He also submitted a letter for the record signed by 111 Summer Orchard residents.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item seven (7) proposed policy update and possible action related to sewer metering for residential customers. Mr. Nicholson stated that in 2012 the Commission passed a policy to help City of Cayce's sewer customers, that were Commission water customers with the Cayce sewer bills as they were not capping the sewer. This policy allowed the customer to pay \$700 for an additional water meter that would bypass the irrigation, and Cayce would then read this meter to bill for volumetric sewer. The Commission had about 95 customers sign up for this service. A few years ago, the Commission had some interest in this meter from current Commission customers that have water and sewer service. During that time only one person elected to get this meter. The record does not show where the policy was passed to allow this meter to be offered to all customers and not just Cayce. Mr. Nicholson asked if the board would consider approving the policy to allow all customers to apply for this extra meter for \$700 and sign the easement to be billed volumetric for their household usage for sewer should they choose. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to accept the policy allowing all customers the option to pay \$700 for the extra meter to allow for volumetric billing. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nicholson stated that after speaking with Dr. Hyman prior to the meeting that the Commission would look at doing a different flat rate, but after looking at the usage data on the existing JMWSC sewer customers over 14% of those customers are in excess of 10,000 gallons of usage, and 40% are in excess of 6,000 gallons in the winter months. So, the meter to bill volumetric would be the most accurate way to bill. Several Summer Orchard residents asked to address the board. Although they were not on the agenda the board graciously allowed numerous people to voice their opinions and ask questions. After several minutes of audience participation, the Chairman stated that their concerns had been heard.

The Chairman addressed item eight (8) Executive 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 Shumpert addressed item nine (9) Executive Session regarding SC Ethics briefing, Swansea Operating Agreement, Economic Development update and personnel matters. Mr. Joseph Hardee made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Tim James seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Coming out of Executive Session the Chairman stated that the only motion made during Executive Session was the motion to come out of Executive Session.

The Chairman addressed item eleven (11) announcements. The next Commission meeting will be held on September 10th.

As there was no other business, Mr. Tem Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Joseph Hardee seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.



PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION

Executive Report

August 13, 2025

Legislative/Regulatory Update



- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
 - Project 90% complete
 - Booster Station ETA next week
- **Swansea**
 - MOU executed 7/9/2025
 - Draft long-term agreement expected this week
 - \$2M grant from RIA, and \$2M SRF Principal Forgiveness; both contingent on long-term agreement

Legislative/Regulatory Update



Professional Engagement

- Conferences/Meetings
- Saluda River Basin Council wrapping up with final draft edits
- Governor's WaterSC group progress
- WUC meets next week



Workforce

- **Training and Education**

- CityWorks user training
- In-house training held 2/17/25 – PEBA benefits

- **Staffing**

- **Operations**

- Additional hires
- Environmental exam success - 8 new licenses, 4 passed D exams, 1 new hire w/ license, 4 new backflow certifications

- **Engineering**

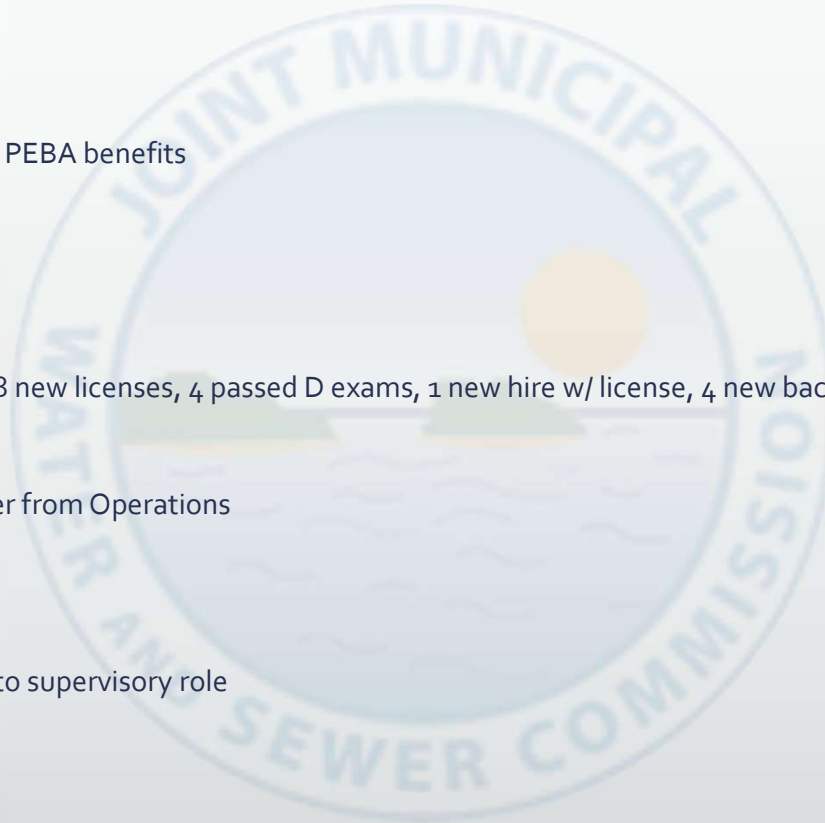
- Backflow position filled; transfer from Operations
- Environmental Exam success

- **Customer Service**

- Interviewing for new position
- Lindsay Jumper transitioned into supervisory role

- **Finance**

- Senior Accountant advertised
- Intend to focus on new position in the coming months



Operations

- **Tank Maintenance**

- All up to date; nothing scheduled until fall

- **Water Quality**

- CCRs sent last month
 - Several minor leak repairs in Pelion and Swansea

- **Systems**

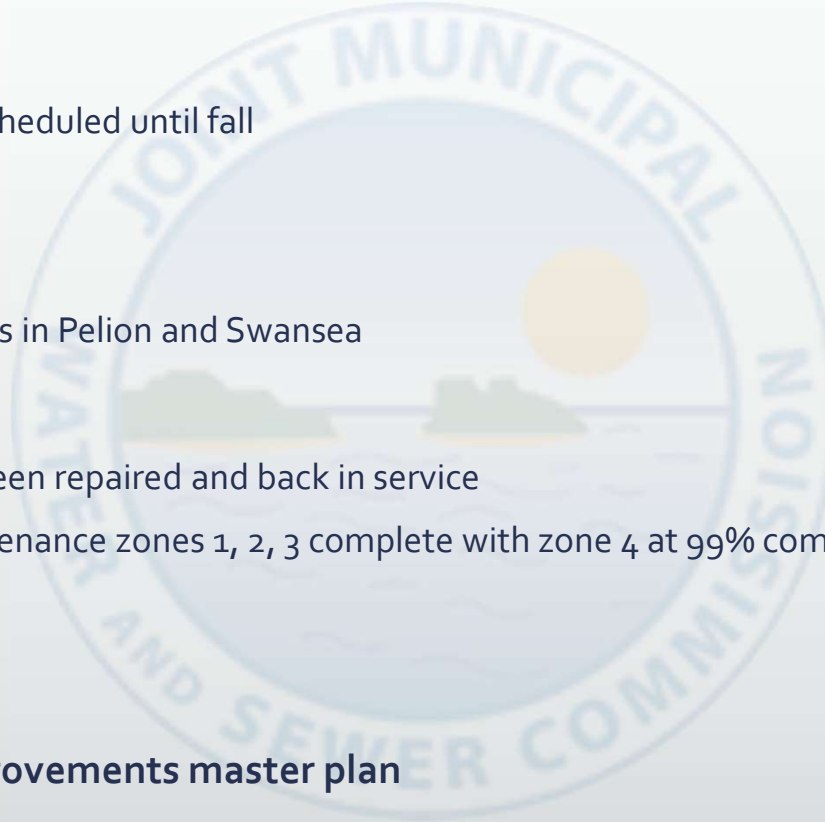
- Jockey pump drive has been repaired and back in service
 - Hydrant and Valve maintenance zones 1, 2, 3 complete with zone 4 at 99% complete

- **Sewer Collections**

- No SSOs June/July

- **Operations campus improvements master plan**

- Cohn Construction concept drawings



Engineering & Construction

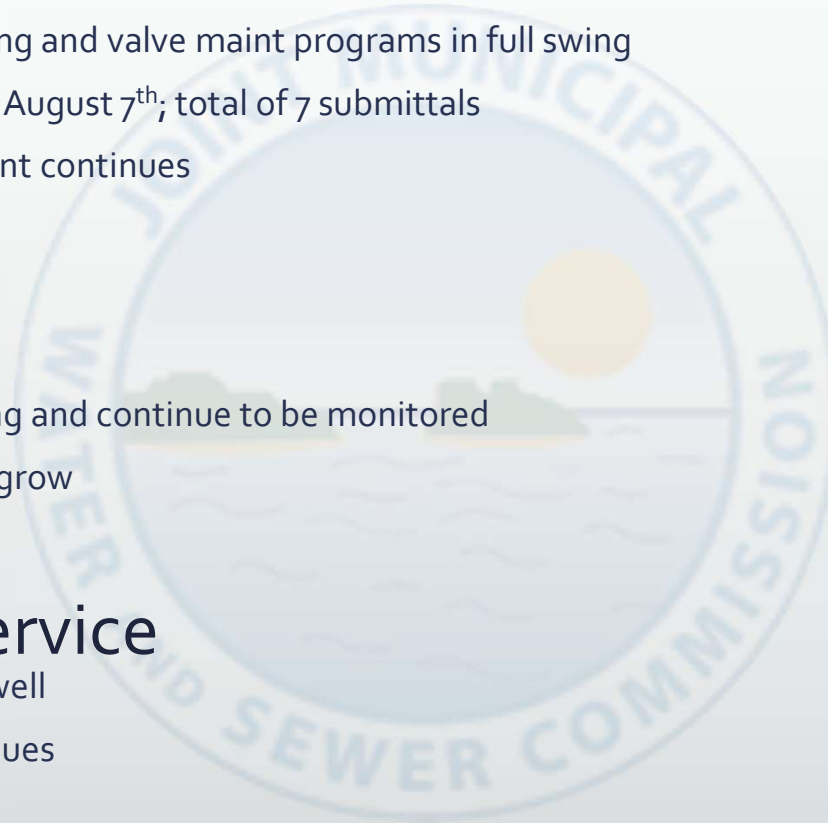
- CMMS – CityWorks flushing and valve maint programs in full swing
- AMI meter RFPs received August 7th; total of 7 submittals
- Project Portal development continues

Finance

- Investments remain strong and continue to be monitored
- ACH rollout continues to grow
- Audit season has begun

Customer Service

- SpryPoint is functioning well
- Staff development continues



Capital Improvements Program

Batesburg-Leesville Water Main	Hazen	DS Utilities	\$17,921,854.75 Construction CO2	Water Main almost complete BPS and Generator to be set August
Batesburg-Leesville Elevated Tank	Hazen	Caldwell	\$5,104,605.48 Construction CO1	Tank Erected Electrial currently being completed
Platt Springs Road Water Main	GMC	TBD	\$6,000,000 Master Plan Estimate	New Survey complete Waiting on Plans from Engineer
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water Main	Hazen	TBD	\$25,000,000 SRF Loan Amount	Survey Complete Hazen completing plans and PER
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and Sampson	TBD	\$1,364,641 Engineer's Estimate	Project Bids August 27
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,815,321 Engineer's Estimate	Waiting on SCDES for approval
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phase 2	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,137,925 Grant Amount	Waiting on Proposal from Michael Baker met with them on July 18
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Veatch	TBD	\$4,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Received Proposal from B&V
Lexington Hills Lift Station Upgrade	CHA/Hazen	Shady Grove/Collins	\$1,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Breaker Panel came in damaged. Waiting on replacement
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	TBD	\$1,800,000 Engineer's Estimate	Waiting on proposal from Gorman Rupp. Ordered Valves July 30. Working on property acquisition
Bluefield Force Main	Highfill	TBD	\$1,232,250 TM Estimate	Gave Highfill Approval to proceed with HWY Portion August 4
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	TBD	\$1,645,100 Engineer's Estimate	Submitted to Review Agencies July 30
Old Orangeburg Sewer Extension Phase 2	AECOM/GHD	Wile Easton	\$2,255,440.90 CO4	Submitted NOT to SCDES. Signed Final Change Order
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$512,000,000 Engineers Estimate	Signed MOU with SCDOT In Contract Project Bids September 9
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$345,000 Engineers Estimate	Signed MOU with SCDOT In Contract Project Bids September 9
Swansea Sewer Rehab	Adurra	TBD	\$4,000,000 Grant Award Amount	Received \$2M SCIP and \$2M SRF Working on a Proposal with Adurra
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	\$2,046,812.50 Grant Award Amount	Waiting on Proposal from Highfill
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	\$400,000 Engineers Cost Estim	Adurra Submitted to Southeast Crescent for Funding on July 18
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	TBD	\$650,000 Estimate	RFPs received August 7 (seven received)
Operations Complex	N/A	Cohn	TBD	Cohn has completed survey and is going to complete wetlands eval
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and Hutton	TBD	\$7,800,000 Master Plan Estimate	Have proposal from T&H
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	TBD	TBD	\$9,345,000 Master Plan Estimate	Need to Determine Engineer
Longs Pond/Two Notch Sewer Improvements	TBD	TBD	\$1,500,000 Preliminary Planning Estimate	Signed contract with Edisto Surveying on July 30 for route survey
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Wharton Smith	TBD	Waiting on Approval of Final GMP for Ozone
Cayce Sewer Plant	American	TBD	TBD	Met at Plant July 29. Cacye Neotiating with American Engineering

JMWSC at a Glance	Jun-24	FY24 Growth	Previous YTD	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	FY25 Growth	Previous YTD	25-Jul
Customer Data																		
Water customers	20,387	3.49%	3.14%	20,406	20,507	20,530	20,563	20,598	20,648	20,681	20,733	20,784	20,843	20,952	21,031	3.16%	3.49%	21,094
Sewer customers	6,788	6.31%	7.64%	6,802	6,887	6,894	6,909	6,937	6,988			7,091	7,142		7,184	5.83%	6.31%	7290
New water only	11	294	195	5	10	11	28	12	19	10	19	4	8	28	15	169	294	41
New water/sewer	14	352	378	69	45	10	7	40	23	23	33	37	39	79	64	469	352	17
New sewer only												10	12	1	0	23		0
Total new customers	25	646	573	74	55	21	35	52	42	33	52	51	59	108	79	661	646	58
Start accounts	243			286	172	189	210	148	200		199	168	167		252			279
Close accounts	54			92	60	46	59	60	47		63	38	90		100			81
Meters read (AMR)	20,558			20,576	20,586	20,706	20,816	20,768	20,804			20,902	20,992					21222
Meters unread (AMR)	85			84	104	87	127	81	90			130	79					75
Disconnected/nonpmt	125			155	58	158	138	na	199			na	105					110
Remain disconnected	28			27	6	27	23	na	36			na	15					25
Water quality complaints																		
Taste/odor/color	2			1	2	4	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		0			0
Pressure	15			6	11	3	1	3	5	3	3	8	3		5			6
Total	17			7	13	7	1	4	5	5	5	8	4		5			6
Flow Data (MGD)																		
Water avg daily flows	8.64			8.53	7.27	7.51	6.68	5.50	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.50		7.37			8.33
previous year	8.39			9.02	9.20	8.20	7.80	6.02	5.35				6.20	7.50	8.64			9.02
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.49			1.48	1.76	1.58	1.46	1.68	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68	1.62			1.71
previous year	1.42			1.52	1.49	1.52	1.42	1.46	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.61	1.502	1.6	1.49			1.48
Current projects																		
Residential				44	43	43	46		44			46	46				42	Res lots
Commercial				27	31	34	34		39			38	39				32	water
JMWSC				8	9	9	9		9			11	11				25	sewer
Total projects				79	83	86			92			95	96					
Locates received	903			1168	999	915	1356	1110	978	1224	1111	1295	1179		1296			1223
Locates marked	589			776	735	595	866	861	563	783	703	752	656		750			850
Total LF marked	59,410			53,390	53,260	52,815	115,890	81,510	52,910	54,810	52,710	55,920	56,280		54,410			92850

Revenues/Expenses thru jun 2025	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	25,660,565	24,715,029	104%
Operating Expenses*	12,958,253	15,346,318	84%
*Direct operating revenues/expenses only. Does not include debt service and depreciation information.			



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