

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 11, 2019

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, September 11, 2019 meeting at the JMWSC Operations Facility at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Donna Peeler, Intergov. Relations
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.
Gene House, Operations Manager	Trish Mazzone, Finance Manager
Barry Leaphart, Operations	Ashton Blocker, Finance
Tony Baughman, Twin City News	

The Chairman called the meeting to order. An invocation was given, and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11, 2001. The Chairman confirmed the media had been notified.

Chairman MacDougall addressed item four (4) regarding consideration of minutes from the 8/14/19 meeting. Mr. Lancer Shull made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Troy Bivens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman 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 six (6) Executive Session regarding personnel, legal and contractual matter. Mr. Nicholson stated there were no issues to discuss in executive session.

Chairman MacDougall addressed item eight (8) regarding announcements. Mr. Nicholson reminded everyone about the WEASC Mid-Year Meeting that is rescheduled for October 23th. The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9th.

As there was no other business, Chairman MacDougall adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:09pm.



Period covered: August 14 – September 11, 2019

General Information

- Legislative/Regulatory update; utility relocation process for road projects, etc.
- Cohn Construction continues to make great progress at main office; expected completion be end of September
- Work continues on the Lucity GIS/CMMS integration
- Staff recruitment; Utility Technician position (two positions), new customer service employee begins next week
- Evaluating financial plan for new debt; possibly restructuring some existing debt

Water

- Water taste/odor complaints throughout the consecutive systems due to source water issues; have met with plant personnel to develop a plan to address this issue
- Continue to evaluate scope of pipe realignment and clear well project at water plant; this is a carry-over note from June
- WC HSPS jockey pump and variable frequency drive have functioned as designed
- Plant transmission main design continues; additional easements have been identified
- County has released funds for Pelion Water Main Project
- We continue assisting the Town of Swansea with utility operations
- FERC application for new property to be submitted soon
- New rate for Blue Granite begins October 2019

Wastewater

- Lydia Drive sewer extension and Pelion Middle School extension underway; design phase
- Still waiting on attorneys to get paperwork completed to deed Cayce metering stations
- Submitted to RIA for Old Barnwell/Red Bank Creek Sewer Project; we are listed on the SRF intended use plan and have submitted information to them; held initial meeting with consulting engineers
- Lift station repairs for Longs Pond and Two Notch #2 continue

JMWSC at a Glance	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	FY19 Growth	FY18 Growth	19-Jul	19-Aug	FY20 Growth	FY19 Growth
	Customer Data																	
Water customers	16,632	16,705	16,741	16,792	16,870	16,885	16,957	17,066	17,106	17,178	17,254	17,296	4.31%	4.28%	17,341	17,384	0.53%	4.31%
Sewer customers	4,825	4,844	4,847	4,866	4,891	4,892	4,919	4,962	4,976	5,006	5,048	5,060	5.13%	5.39%	5,076	5,087	0.56%	5.13%
New water only	37	39	33	27	52	13	38	59	37	30	33	30	428	442	34	37	71	428
New water/sewer	15	19	1	18	21	1	33	29	25	24	45	11	242	232	25	13	38	242
Total new customers	52	58	34	45	73	14	71	88	62	54	78	41	670	674	59	50	109	670
Start accounts	203	266	189	207	174	179	216	184	216	204	244	260			262	261		
Close accounts	73	98	79	70	65	48	68	48	65	64	66	61			95	78		
Meters read (AMR)	16,813	16,849	16,913	17,002	17,013	17,132	17,105	17,187	17,249	17,313	17,397	17,484			17,499	17,504		
Meters unread (AMR)	65	89	93	48	84	38	88	57	98	80	68	64			87	140		
Disconnected/nonpmt	167	191	134	122	150	104	141	77	95	12	162	NA			11	20		
Remain disconnected	12	10	9	9	0	6	11	15	17	2	11	NA			4	3		

Water quality complaints

	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	19-Jul	19-Aug
Taste/odor/color	0	0	13	2	1	5	0	1	2	8	7	3	5	11
Pressure	4	4	4	11	9	10	4	7	13	0	10	6	11	6
Total	4	4	17	13	10	15	4	8	15	8	17	9	16	17

Flow Data (MGD)

Water avg daily flows	7.31	6.09	6.25	4.98	4.05	3.75	3.52	3.55	4.05	4.75	7.09	7.10	7.70	7.65
previous year	5.79	6.11	5.53	4.82	4.03	3.73	4.45	4.19	4.24	4.51	5.93	6.73	7.31	6.09
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.033	1.262	1.204	1.531	1.500	1.251	1.208	1.232	1.236	1.249	1.138	1.175	1.061	est
previous year	1.148	1.125	1.189	1.122	0.957	0.948	1.04	1.05	1.014	1.022	1.039	1.067	1.033	1.262

Current projects

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	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	19-Jul	19-Aug	water	sewer
Residential	34	35	34	31	30	29	27	27	27	27	28	28	30	31		
Commercial	17	17	16	18	16	16	16	17	18	16	16	16	17	19	1,447	1,001
JMWSC	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	5	5	4	4		
Total projects	57	58	55	54	50	49	47	48	51	48	49	49	51	54		
Locates received	798	758	643	833	776	731	662	726	993	888	955	784	980	884		
Locates marked	394	393	345	389	327	308	402	475	525	541	562	495	614	609		
Total LF marked	24,425	24,325	21,625	25,075	23,850	18,675	25,050	28,070	30,615	33,185	38,755	29,895	25,440	39,865		

Revenues/Expenses thru Aug 2019

	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	3,466,785	17,190,030	20%
Operating Expenses*	1,050,155	9,966,033	11%

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