

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 26, 2017, 8:30 AM
Sullivan's Island Town Hall

1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Requirements

The Freedom of Information Requirements having been met, the meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM. Those present were Committee Members Mark Howard, Bachman Smith and Susan Middaugh (Chair), Staff Members Greg Gress, Jason Blanton, and Andy Benke and several Island residents.

2. Minutes from W&S Committee meeting on 1-12-2017 were approved on a motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard and passed by unanimous vote 3/0.

3. Rate Study Cont'd: The Committee members continued discussion of additional data, including Usage of Water and Sewer services on Sullivan's Island and how Mt. Pleasant weighs the relative Usage for different categories of residential and business users. The Committee will continue to look at how neighboring communities assess Basic Facility Charges and other W&S Charges for categories of residential users and Non-residential users.

4. Communications / Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress

Equipment Request: The current Super Heavy Duty Backhoe/Loader needs replacement, and Mr. Gress recommended immediate replacement due to continuing maintenance problem with the current equipment.

A motion to recommend to Council to authorize staff to pursue purchase of a new Super Heavy Duty Backhoe/ Loader was made by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard and passed by unanimous vote, 3/0.

Landscape Planting between WWTP and Stith Park: Greg Gress requested approval to proceed with the lowest bid received for this landscaping work. Mark Howard, who designed the landscape plan, reviewed the bids and agreed that the low bid was acceptable.

A motion to approve proceeding with the low bid was made by Mark Howard, second by Bachman Smith and approved by unanimous vote, 3/0.

5. Executive Session: Contractual – Charleston Water System: Discussion of Purchase Capacity for Sullivan's Island and Ongoing Contract Review Matters.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:40 AM on a motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard, and unanimous vote, 3/0. The Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:50 on a motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard and unanimous vote, 3/0. No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

- 6. The next Committee meeting** was confirmed for Thursday, February 23, 2017.
- 7. The Committee Adjourned** at 9:50 PM on a motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard and unanimous vote, 3/0.

Pending Items (to be considered in future meetings)

- a. Poe Avenue sewer line replacement – delayed
- b. I&I Phase II - postponed
- c. CWS contract revisions – in progress
- d. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction – in progress
- e. W&S billing software replacement - in progress for August Implementation
- f. Development of a Cost Recovery Program
- g. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for submersible pumps
- h. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery