

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Friday, July 10, 2015, 8:30 AM

Water & Sewer Department Office

1. Call to Order

The Freedom of Information Requirements having been met, the meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM. Those present were Committee Members Mark Howard, Bachman Smith, Susan Middaugh (Chair); Staff Members Greg Gress, Andy Benke, Jason Blanton; Town Resident, Charles Riley.

2. Appeal of W&S Bill

- (a) Charles A. Riley, 2839 Harvey St. previously appealed a high W&S bill caused by a leak under the house he was renting. He was granted relief from the sewer portion of this bill in excess of the average for the preceding 6 months on the grounds that this water was not processed through the Wastewater Plant and there was no cost to the town for this portion of the sewer bill. He returned to request relief from the water portion of the bill. This appeal was denied on a motion by Mark Howard, seconded by Bachman Smith, passed unanimously, on the grounds that the Town is charged for all metered water and under Town policy, this charge is the responsibility of the individual.
- (b) Beverly Bohan, 1740 Thompson Ave. The homeowner requested relief from a high water bill for an irrigation meter due to a leak in the installed irrigation system in the homeowner's yard. This appeal was denied on a motion by Mark Howard, seconded by Susan Middaugh, passed unanimously, on the grounds that according to Town policy, water bills for irrigation meters are not eligible for appeal.

3. Executive Session to orient new W&S Committee members on past and current contractual matters, specifically:

- a. Past discussions with Mt. Pleasant regarding wastewater treatment
- b. HDR contracts and FEMA Grant Application.
- c. Past & Current discussions with CWS regarding contracted water usage

The W&S went into Executive Session at 8:40 AM on a motion by Mark Howard, seconded by Bachman Smith and passed unanimously. Discussion was limited to the three advertised items and no votes were taken. The meeting returned to open session at 9:55 AM on a motion by Mark Howard, seconded by Bachman Smith, passed unanimously.

4. Status report on I&I Phase I project completion

Phase I of the I&I Remediation project ended on June 30, 2015. Because the planned work was completed under-budget, additional follow-up work was also carried out. (1) All Town laterals that had 6 inch diameter clean-outs were cleaned, TVed and grouted. (2) Five main pipeline segments (manhole to manhole) and 7 point repairs (single joint-to-joint pipe) that had been identified as needing repair, were relined (cured-in-place).

A full report on Phase I with all data, including flow data, is due from Arcadis.

5. Planning for I&I Phase II : This item was deferred until the next W&S Meeting.

W&S easement across (a) residential lots between Hennessey St. and Palmetto St.
(b) residential lots between Citadel St. and Station 17

Funding options for Phase II

6. Status report on FEMA Grant Application

Based on the total funding that FEMA has allocated to SC grants, our prospects for receiving substantial funding is still good. However, our grant application will not be assigned to a reviewer until September, and it may take three months to obtain formal approval. This likely postpones funding until the first of the year. It will take 6 months to bid and complete the required engineering plans. Due to the critical need to remediate the Town's deteriorating Wastewater facility as quickly as possible, Greg Gress was asked to discuss with our SC Emergency Management contact the possibility of initiating this process in advance of final notification. This topic will be on the agenda of the next W&S Committee meeting.

7. Planning for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Application for submersible pumps

This item was deferred.

8. Status of Pending Items This item was deferred.

- a. Agreement with CWS regarding contracted water use
- b. Update of W&S Policy on Sewer Laterals
- c. Rate Study
- d. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- e. Other

9. Establishing a regular monthly meeting time for W&S Committee meetings

Monthly meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM, in the W&S Facility Office. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27.

10. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM on a motion by Bachman Smith, seconded by Mark Howard, passed unanimously.

Approved July 13, 2015