

October 1, 2012

A Special Meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl Smith, Mayor  
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro tem  
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman  
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman  
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman  
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman

Mayor Smith called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, all requirements of the FOIA being met. The purpose of the Special Meeting was for discussion of water and sewer issues.

At 6:07 p.m. **motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to recess the special meeting until Councilman Kaynard was able to arrive from the airport, carried unanimously.**

During this time, Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress discussed issues on the regularly scheduled Committee Workshop agenda for this evening. Councilman Kaynard joined the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to return to the Special Meeting at 6:40 pm, carried unanimously.**

Councilman Perkis stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss two time-sensitive issues: (1) engineering design of sewer line on Poe Avenue and engineering study and design of water and sewer infrastructure in Commercial Overlay Districts One and Two; and (2) Water line replacement on Middle Street between Station 20-1/2 and Station 22 Streets.

Councilman Perkis stated the sewer line runs through the middle of the properties on Poe Avenue. The department proposed to move the sewer line from the center of the platted property to the north side right-of-way on Poe Avenue. Relocation of the sewer line will better protect the infrastructure, protect a number of significant oak trees and allow for better utilization of the private property. Water and Sewer Manager Gress stated that the engineers need to do design work, shoot elevations, and determine if these will flow by gravity to the line. The Town did preliminary work on this in 2004 which showed this was feasible. Mr. Gress stated the work would be done in-house.

Secondly, engineering work is needed regarding the sewer line on Jasper Boulevard in the commercial district, and the sewer line on I'on Avenue on that side of the commercial district. Councilman Perkis stated Council's approval is needed because Mr. Gress received a bid of \$59,450 from URS/BP Barber for these two projects. It is not budgeted from an operating standpoint but it is in the reserve fund which is used for these types of projects. The Water and Sewer Committee agreed to recommend the selection of URS/BP Barber for the design phase of these projects with a maximum budget of \$59,450. **Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman McGee, that Council approve the selection of URS/BP Barber for the design phases of these two projects with a maximum budget of \$59,450, carried unanimously.**

The second item on the agenda, number V, was the water line replacement on Middle Street between Station 20-1/2 and Station 22 Streets. **Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to amend the agenda to correct Item V to read water line replacement on I'on Avenue between Station 20-1/2 and Station 22 Streets, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Gress explained the hydraulic study for the new school by HDR Engineering identified the need to replace this line in order to reduce the potential for red water caused by increased demand from the new building. He explained the advantages of relining over replacement in this segment included fewer disturbances to adjacent property owners as well as less expensive cost to the Town. That section of water line is about 1,000 feet of an 8" line, and is a good candidate for relining. Other pipe in the area will need to be completely replaced. Councilman Perkis stated this would be funded from the \$175,000 the Town received from Charleston County School District. He continued that the urgency of considering approval of this work is the company is currently doing work in Mt. Pleasant. Because mobilization is very high as the company is from Massachusetts, the savings would be about \$10,000 if the mobilization expense was shared with the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Gress stated the cost of the vendor work is \$44,200, and the cost of staff work would be about \$22,000. **Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve a contract of \$44,200 to W. Walsh Company for relining project of waterline on I'on from Station 22 to the entrance of Sullivan's Island Elementary School , pending attorney review, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Gress mentioned that the easements to the lines on Poe Avenue will be abandoned with the exception of probably one. The property owner has purchased the lot next door to his lot and has reconfigured it. That easement might be needed to give sewer service.

**Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to adjourn from the Special Meeting at 7:00 pm, carried unanimously.** Council then continued with its regularly scheduled Workshop meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller