

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 28, 2019
8:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements:

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Mark Howard, Rita Langley and Bachman Smith, IV (Chair). Staff members present were Andy Benke, Greg Gress and Courtney Liles. There were no members of the public or media present.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. Communications/Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress: None.

3. Discussions/Motions:

- a. Approval of Minutes- February 28, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Water and Sewer Committee Minutes from February 28, 2019, carried by a vote of 2-1, with Councilmember Langley abstaining.

- b. CCOD 2 (Commercial Overlay District) sewer line extension on Station 20.5 from about Central to Middle Street: craft motion language for full Council approval. R. H. Moore just completed the Poe Avenue/Citadel Street project. This would be a change order to have R. H. Moore to continue to do work. The Water and Sewer Committee's goal is to be prepared with two separate motions. The first would be for approval of both sections of the project. The second would be for approval of just the first section.

Section 1 is Station 20.5 in the general area of the fire station extending south to cross Middle Street. The estimate for section 1 is \$331,966.00. Section 2 is Station 20.5 Street on Middle Street down to Station 21 Street. The estimate for section 2 is \$360,171.00. If the work were to continue as planned years ago, it would continue down to Station 22.5 Street. Sections 1 and 2 including Station 22.5 Street was permitted, however, those permits have recently expired.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, that the Water and Sewer Committee takes to full Council a motion to approve a change order to the existing R. H. Moore contract for them to replace sewer line in section 1 Station 20.5 in the general area of the fire station extending south to cross Middle Street and section 2 Station 20.5 Street on Middle Street down to Station 21 Street, carried unanimously.

- c. Greg Gress presentation regarding 407 Station 16.5 Street sewer service: Greg Gress explains the history of this property. The Town is fully aware it is likely that this situation is going to lead to legal action. The purpose of this discussion is to educate the Water and Sewer Committee regarding what happened, the facts behind it and the Town's concerns. It is not to discuss any potential litigation.

The subject property flows to lift station 3 which is located at Station 18 Street. During the last few high tides, the Town started noticing wet well levels climbing at lift station 3. Mr. Gress sent out an employee with a salinity tester to check manholes. The levels for the manhole on this property were extremely high. The pumps at lift station 3 cannot keep up with that much water coming in. The Town identified the excess water was coming from an unauthorized sewer line running out to the dock. The sewer line was draining marsh water into the sanitary system. Since the line is illegal, the Town capped it off. There are two main risks in play: sanitary sewer overflow which violates the Clean Water Act and salt water is toxic to the biological process at the treatment plant which could result in effluent violations.

Mr. Gress sent a letter to the property owner citing the sewer Ordinances that were violated and stating that the additional sewer line was never permitted or inspected by the Town. The Town received a response letter from the property owner's attorney.

- d. Comply with Codification Review suggestions as to water shut-offs due to unpaid bills (on hold until after the Poe Avenue/Citadel Street sewer line replacement and budget season).

4. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

The current status of active and pending projects (a. through j. below) was reviewed.

- a. Poe Avenue/Citadel Street Sewer Line Replacement (work completed)
- b. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (design phase)
- c. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (originating in Stith Park)
- d. CCOD1 (Commercial Overlay District) sewer line extension on Sta. 20.5 from about Central to Middle Street
- e. CWS contract revisions

- f. I&I Phase II
- g. Cost Recovery Program
- h. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- i. Submersible Pumps at lift stations
- j. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (explore use of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant funds)

5. **The next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting is scheduled for:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:45 a.m. at Sullivan's Island Town Hall.

6. **Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to adjourn at 9:43 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Liles