

# **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 28, 2016, 8:30 AM**

**Water & Sewer Department Office**

## **1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Requirement**

The Freedom of Information Requirements having been met, the meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM. Those present were Committee Members, Mark Howard, Bachman Smith (attending until 9:46 A.M. due to prior committment) and Susan Middaugh (Chair); Staff Members Greg Gress, Andy Benke and Jason Blanton. Resident Steve Rosamillia attended at 10:00 for discussion of Item 3.

## **2. Executive Session on CWS Contract**

The Committee went into executive session to discuss the Charleston Water Systems contract with the Town of Sullivan's Island and to receive legal counsel from James Sheedy by conference call. Motion to go into ES was made by Bachman Smith, seconded by Hark Howard and passed unanimously 3/0.

The Committee ended the ES and resumed public meeting at 9:46 by unanimous vote 3/0.

**MOTION:** to recommend that Town Council authorize Town Staff and Counsel to open discussions with CWS regarding the CWS contract with the Town of Sullivan's Island. Motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard, passed by unanimous vote 3/0.

## **3. Appeal of Sewer Bill**

Steve Rosamillia, 1802 Ion Ave., attended for Committee consideration of his appeal of a high water & sewer bill. The appeal was denied due to lack of evidence, on inspection, that the high water usage was due to a leak. Motion to deny the appeal was made by Mark Howard, seconded by Susan Middaugh and passed by a vote of 2/0.

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

### **a. Update on Rate Study**

The consultants have been provided with information on planned expenditures in the FY17 Budget and SRF payments for Phase II of I&I so this information can be included in projected income requirements that new Rates must generate.

### **b. Poe Ave / Hennessee Sewer line relocations**

A meeting is scheduled today, April 28, 2016, at 11:00 AM, for Town staff and the W&S Chair to meet with the four homeowners that will be affected by the planned work in the sewer line easements at Hennessee St. and Poe Ave. Mr. Dunn, Mr. Antman and Mr. & Mrs. Sedalik plan to attend. A representative of the Willoughby family could not be scheduled for this meeting.

c. Additional items None

**5. Next W&S Committee meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM, Thursday May 26, 2016**

**6. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM on a motion by Mark Howard, seconded by Susan Middaugh and passed by 2/0 vote.

**Pending Items (to be considered in future meetings)**

- a. Revision of Appeals Policy and Procedures
- b. Rate Study
- c. Water pumping station fencing and site improvements
- d. CWS contract revisions
- e. Computer Software Issues
- f. Development of a Cost Recovery Program
- g. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for submersible pumps
- h. Update of W&S Policy on Sewer Laterals
- i. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery