



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021

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

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Bachman Smith, IV (Chair), Gary Visser, and Scott Millimet. Staff members present were Greg Gress and Bridget Welch. There was one (1) member of the public present and no members of the media present.

Chair Bachman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. Communications/Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress:

Construction updates as to the Lift Stations and WWTP

Progress is continuing with construction and still on schedule. Mr. Gress mentioned an issue the contractor is having with meeting the specs of the engineer in the transition from using the gas system to a tablet system. It is currently not a problem, but it is taking much longer than expected.

Mr. Gress also mentioned the force main at Lift Station One will be replaced in-house, most likely in January. Bionomics will be on the Island in the coming months doing lining work. He will also have a training with his new staff that involves turning on the well water in the event of an emergency or water from CWS is cut off.

3. Discussion/Motions:

Approval of Minutes- October 29, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Visser, seconded by Councilmember Millimet, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from October 29, 2021, carried unanimously.

Discussion re: WWTP landscaping/screening

Chair Bachman Smith mentioned a bamboo wall as a possible solution for improving the aesthetics of the pump station at Station 18, but still needs some discussion.

4. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase-Final)
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (Construction Phase-Final)

There will be a walk-thru for the CWS lay down at 10:00 a.m. where the contractors will make sure the area is cleaned up completely and be free of rocks.

- c. CWS contract revisions
- d. Written Cost Recovery Program
- e. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- f. Pump/Lift Stations flood proofing project (Contracting Phase-Final)
- g. Water & Sewer Ordinance review/clean-up
- h. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (explore use of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant funds)

5. Public Comment:

Paul Vannatta, 1802 Back Street, asked the committee about the plans for the right of way areas for around the pump stations and who maintains the area moving forward. Chair Bachman Smith said SCDOT is responsible for the right of ways, but they usually do not do much maintenance. The Town is not directly responsible for the areas and does not allow residents to plant or grow anything in the areas. Because there are water lines in these areas, there cannot be growth within five feet on either side. However, the Committee is open to discussion about options for taking care or adding things to outside the restricted areas.

6. Set the date for the next W&S Committee Meeting:

The next Sullivan's Island W&S Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

7. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilmember Millimet, seconded by Councilmember Visser, to adjourn the Water and Sewer meeting at 9:13 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch