



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 8:45 a.m. on September 26, 2024 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Justin Novak (Chair) and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress, Rebecca Fanning, Joe Henderson, Christina Oxford, and Bridget Welch. There were no (0) members of the public and no (0) members of the media present.

Chair Justin Novak called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. Public Comment

3. Communications/Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress

- a. Construction updates as to the Lift Stations and WWTP

They are still waiting for permits from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding construction.

4. Discussion/Motions:

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the August 22, 2024 Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2024 Committee Meeting, passed unanimously.

- b. FY2025 Revised Budget Overview

There will be a public hearing and third reading at the Council meeting on October 15, 2024.

- c. Rates discussion and consideration of a 4th tier
d. Discussion of the South Carolina Wastewater Surveillance Program

Mr. Gress stated the State has taken over the Wastewater Surveillance Program and the Town can participate at no cost to the Town. By participating, the Town would be sending samples to the Program and would receive pertinent information back about the sample data. The Committee discussed the option and requested that Mr. Gress provided a list of pros and cons as well more information about the program as a whole for further discussion next meeting.

e. Plan for Town Deep Water Wells

Mr. Gress stated the Town's Deep-Water Wells are 2,000 feet deep and tapped into the Charleston Aquifer. DHEC recently alerted the Town that the fluoride levels in the Aquifer are over national contaminant levels. Most other municipalities have an RO system to remove the fluoride, making the water useable. The Town does not have this system so we cannot use the well water as emergency backup water. Chair Novak stated the wells are still useful to the Town and requested Greg and Joe come up with the pros and cons for possibly installing our own RO system, or if there are other options. Mr. Visser stressed the importance of maintaining the wells.

- f. Discussion FY 2023-2027 CIP Plan and Funding for AMI Meters (Greg Gress recommendations)

5. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Written Cost Recovery Program
- b. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction

The department will be replacing a four hundred-foot stretch of pipe on the National Park System that runs behind the Fish Fry Shack.

- c. Pump/Lift Stations
 - i. Protection using rip-rap
- d. W & S Ordinance clean-up
- e. Update Capital Improvement Plan
- f. Rates discussion and consideration of a 4th tier

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

Meetings will now be held every six weeks and at 9:15 a.m.

- a. The next Sullivan's Island W&S Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to adjourn the Water and Sewer Committee meeting at 9:31 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch