

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2020
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, December 17, 2020 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Bachman Smith, IV (Chair), Chauncey Clark and Tim Reese. Staff members present were Jason Blanton, Greg Gress and Courtney Sottile. There were no members 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

3. Discussions/Motions:

- a. Approval of Minutes- November 19, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from November 19, 2020, carried unanimously.

- b. Construction updates as to the Lift Station Conversion Project and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements: The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project is running smoothly. The Lift Station Conversion Project is running smoothly, however there is a slight delay in the schedule mainly due to change orders and an amendment to the project agreement. The engineer has submitted Amendment #4 for the Town to review and sign. It includes a \$46k increase due to construction administration. Change order #2 includes an additional 8 days and \$16k on their contract.
- c. Discussion of the now concluded Phase II of the I&I work and claims for damages arising therefrom: Chair Smith stated that the purpose of this item was to review the situation, not to take any action at this time. Homeowners Laurie Ulmer and Dawn Ulmer gave an update on the incident that happened in their garage regarding a drain blockage/sewer backup caused by a grouting operation back in November of 2018. Mr. Ulmer stated that the Town and Bionomics denied responsibility. After reviewing photos

and emails provided by the Ulmer's, Chair Smith stated he would like to see more correspondence and emails with time stamps.

Executive Session: Contractual/Legal- discussion of Ulmer claim under 3.c. of this agenda.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, to go into Executive Session for the above item at 9:01 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, to come out of Executive Session at 9:18 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, that in order to resolve the Ulmer claim concerning the I&I work and the issues at the Ulmer's property, the Town make a payment in the amount of \$2,804.65 of which \$1,889.65 were invoice claims to pay out at a rate of \$30/hour for 30.5 hours.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith added that the Ulmer's have been good residents and give a lot back to the Island and he fully believes that the time they put into their repairs and cleanup is accurate, however, after reaching out to local handyman's and getting a general idea of hourly wages, the Committee agreed that \$30/hour was a fair cost for the work.

- d. Comply with Codification Review suggestions as to water shut-offs due to unpaid bills (on hold).

4. **Review of Active and Pending Projects:**

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

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase)
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (currently ratifying easements)
- 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)
- g. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (explore use of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant funds)
- h. Water & Sewer Ordinance review/clean-up

5. **The next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting is scheduled for:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 8:45 a.m. at Sullivan's Island Town Hall.

6. **Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to adjourn at 9:18 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Sottile