

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 27, 2021
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, May 27, 2021 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 Andy Benke, Greg Gress, and Bridget Welch. There were three (3) members of the public present and no members of the media present.

Chair Bachman 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

Construction updates as to the Lift Station Conversion Project and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements: The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project is moving along as expected. The Department staff is currently undergoing all of the necessary training required to run the new equipment. The new Wastewater Treatment Plant has been online since May 7, 2021. A week after the plant went live, issues started relating to the gear boxes and rotors. The plant is currently in a State of Emergency. Staff added diesel pumps to circulate the oxygen in the oxidation ditch to keep the bacteria and microorganisms alive. Currently, everything has been transferred to one basin which is running everything. DHEC has been made aware of the situation.

Lift Stations 1, 2 and 3 have been demolished and backfilled and the contractors are working on the regrading and asphalt. Lift Station 3 is waiting on parts for the platform from the manufacture. Panels are up and testing has been done. At Lift Station 4, the concrete pad has been poured for the generator and the contractor still needs to do wet well and gravity testing along with some electrical work. Lift Stations 1, 2 and 5 are online; still working on a few issues with the contractor. The updated schedule anticipates all work to be completed by the end of July.

Councilmember Reese, spoke of some residents' concerns of the aesthetics of the projects. He suggests that we wait to add asphalt and fencing and regroup after Lift Stations are completed.

Manager, Greg Gress recommends to finish the contracted plan with no change orders. After the project is completed, changes can then be discussed.

Resident's Paul Vannatta, Jeremy Anspach and Brent Havens spoke briefly regarding the Lift Station project and their concerns.

Chair Bachman Smith, IV explained the current situation at Lift Stations regarding last minute changes and residents' comments throughout the project. He suggests after the initial agreement is complete, evaluate safety and residents' concerns.

3. Discussions/Motions:

- a. Approval of Minutes- April 22, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from April 22, 2021, carried unanimously.

4. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase-Final)
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (Construction Phase)
- 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. Water & Sewer Ordinance review/clean-up
- h. 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, June 17, 2021 8:45 a.m.

6. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to adjourn at 9:20 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Sottile