



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 27, 2022

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

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Bachman Smith, IV (Chair), Scott Millimet, and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Greg Gress, Andy Benke, Jason Blanton and Mary Poole. There were no (0) members of the public 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

a. Construction updates as to the Lift Stations and WWTP

Mr. Gress stated they are waiting on WK Dickson to send over a permit in order to install rip-rap. He has reached out repeatedly with no updates from them.

He also spoke about managing the chlorine tablets they have recently switched to. There have been issues with the dissolvability as well as inconsistencies that have made things difficult to manage. He also stated the tablets require a lot of potable water in order to dissolve them and transport the chemical to the injection site. The price for chemicals has gone up since they decided to make this change, but the COVID-19 pandemic drove prices even higher than anticipated. Mr. Gress provided a detailed outline of the pricing and mentioned other possible options. Mr. Visser mentioned returning to a gas chemical system would also incur high costs and suggested making sure those numbers are reflected. Mr. Gress stated he would continue to work with HDR and work on finding the best option moving forward.

Mr. Gress stated there is an opening in the department but there have not been any applications for the job.

He also stated CPW will finish repairing the water line in the harbor but there will be no impact on the Island's water supply. We will be using Mt Pleasant's system for about a week until the repairs are complete. Chair Smith requested to be informed when the switch over begins and ends.

The department has begun replacing the water line on Myrtle Avenue.

3. Discussion/Motions:

- a. Approval of Minutes- September 22, 2022, Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Mr. Millimet, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from September 22, 2022 as submitted, passed unanimously.

- b. Continue work on Private Sewer Lateral Policy for further I&I reduction

Chair Smith introduced the topic of discussing the Frequently Asked Questions for the I&I Reduction project, which Mr. Gress reviewed. He also answered questions about the document, which needs to be finalized before taking to the Planning Commission. There are some legal questions that need to be answered by the Town lawyer.

There was discussion about the two triggers the Town will potentially use, point-of-sale and significant home renovations. There was further discussion about the point-of-sale trigger, how it will be communicated, who will be responsible, etc. It was decided there would not be a grace period granted for the inspection deadline. There was also discussion about what kind of renovations will trigger the inspection and the consequences, if any, if the inspection finds a leak, but final decisions were not made.

Chair Smith stated a few FAQs will be discussed at future meetings until they have all been covered. Mr. Gress stated he is going to get some plumbers to join to offer possible rates and other information. It was also stated that the town lawyer, Mr. Larry Dodds, will be consulted prior to moving forward.

4. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Close Out)
 - i. Screening of the WWTP
- b. CWS contract revisions
- c. Written Cost Recovery Program

- d. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- e. Pump/Lift Stations flood proofing project (use of rip-rap)
- f. Aesthetic changes to Lift Stations
- g. Update Capital Improvement Plan
- h. Updated rate study

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

- a. The next Sullivan's Island W&S Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 8:45 a.m.

6. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Millimet, seconded by Mr. Visser, to adjourn the Water and Sewer meeting at 9:44 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch