



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 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, March 24, 2022 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Bachman Smith, IV (Chair) and Scott Millimet. Staff members present were Greg Gress, Andy Benke, Jason Blanton, and Bridget Welch. 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

A. Construction updates as to the Lift Stations and WWTP

The Lift Station projects have been closed out but do have some lingering concerns of erosion control that will continue to be monitored. The WWTP is nearing completion.

3. Discussion/Motions:

a. Approval of Minutes- February 24, 2022, Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Millimet, seconded by Chair Smith, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from February 24, 2022, carried unanimously.

b. Overview/Review of Budget for FY2023

The budget was reviewed again for Mr. Millimet's benefit, as he was unable to attend the previous meeting. There was only one change, which had to do with insurance. It has gone up 14%, as opposed to the 4% that was quoted in the previous meeting. There were no changes to personnel numbers. Chair Smith requested that detailed increases from previous years be ready for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Blanton confirmed that the approximate salary increase per year is 7%, but Mr. Gress stated it is getting closer to 8% this year.

4. Public Comment

- Brent Havens, 1746 Thompson Avenue – Spoke about the beautification of the lift stations and requested help for continuing these efforts. He mentioned that after putting his property on the market, all six of the walk-throughs had issues with the look of the new lift station (3) next door at Station 18. He mentioned the vertical bumpers and landscaping at Toler’s Cove as an example of better-looking options. He did acknowledge the two were different, as the one at Toler’s Cove does not involve sewer.
- Paul Vannatta, 1802 Back Street – Would like to keep discussing and well as listen to ideas about how to beautify the lift stations. He would also like to know what the Town’s plan is to solve the issue. Mr. Gress did mention that the contractor’s did seed the area, but the area has some erosion issues that need to be addressed first. The Town is waiting on some proposals, as well as DHEC’s input before making a final plan.

5. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase-Final)
 - i. Screening of the WWTP
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (Close out)
- 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 (Close out)
- g. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (Engineering as to feasibility underway)

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

- a. The next Sullivan’s Island W&S Committee meeting will be (tentatively) held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Millimet, seconded by Chair Smith, to adjourn the Water and Sewer meeting at 9:00 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch