



Minutes
Regular Meeting
5:00 pm, February 10, 2022

Chairman Charles Hegler called the meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Yeldell, General Manager Cheryl Daniels, Operations Superintendent JR Robinson and Office Manager Deborah Peeler present.

On a Motion by Commissioner Leonard Bowick, seconded by George Yeldell, the Commissioners approved the January 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 2022 Accounts Payable and the December 2021 Financial Statement as submitted.

Deborah Peeler ~ Office Manager:

- Office staff took nine (9) new deposits for service and one (1) new water/sewer tap fee during the month of January.
- Sixteen (16) customers were cut off for non-payment.
- Electric usage was up due to the colder weather which has resulted in numerous complaints of bills being too high.
- Annual Fire Protection billing was sent out during January.
- Updated W-9's were requested from vendors so that 1099's could be sent out by January 31st.
- Office staff has been working on solutions for issues we are having with our current meter reading devices. This is being done in conjunction with the automatic read water meter project.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

Safety Training – Lisa Willis

- Safety training for the month of February will be Chlorine Safety.

James Robinson ~ Superintendent:

- Electric, water and sewer services were installed at 919 Mine Street.
- Permanent power was hooked up at the new water plant. Crew is finished with their part. The rest is the contractors' responsibility.
- The crew marked 50 locate tickets in January.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:

Mr. Hegler presented Glenn's report:

- Two blower motors are down in the sludge thickener basins. Using the spare blower at this time. We have sent one blower to A & A in Aiken for repair.
- We still have not received any response from DHEC on our toxicity failure. Our DHEC inspector, Mark Satterfield, passed away.
- The John Deere tractor has been sent to J & E in Lincolnton for repair. Mr. Hegler asked JR what was wrong with the tractor and JR responded it was old and would eventually need to be replaced due to increased maintenance issues.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Furman Parton ~ Water Treatment Plant:

Mr. Hegler presented Furman's report:

- The Thurmond Lake level started the month of January off at 327.6 feet and ended at 329.05 feet.
- Work on the new plant construction has been steady.
- Painting of the new tank is coming along. We're hoping to have it in service soon.
- All other operations at the plant have run smoothly.

Cheryl Daniels ~ General Manager:

- The Mayor sent a letter with the design of the proposed McCormick Veterans Memorial Park. They are requesting donations for some remaining items. (letter attached for review and discussion). Mr. Hegler asked Cheryl to make a recommendation at the next meeting and the commissioners would decide at that time.
- Darrell Newby was contacted to survey the property at 706 East Augusta Street and the lot behind it. Once our property lines are established, we will get bids on tearing down the house and clearing the lot. We will most likely wait until after the Water Plant project is complete to avoid further congestion in the area.
- David Tyre with Turnipseed Engineers, JR, and I met on Wednesday, February 2, to discuss projects that may qualify for grant money from CBDG or RIA. We plan to gather information and apply for funding in the new several weeks. Projects include replacing valves and replacing lines. Application is due by 3/14.
- The water plant project is progressing on schedule. Progress meeting report to be handed out at meeting. Construction crew performed a tie in on 2/9 after hours with one of our crew on site. All went well.
- Our attorney is reviewing the contract from Electricities.

There being no further business, Mr. Hegler made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Peeler
Office Manager