

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**

October 18, 2022

10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Jody Kleckley, John David Griffin, David Ballard

Absent: Bill Reeside (excused); Lou Rasmussen (excused)

Others Present: Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Utilities Director Patrick Zemp, Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey

Call to Order

Chairman Kleckley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2022

Mr. Griffin moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022, meeting. Mr. Ballard seconded this motion, which was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Update on Moratorium

Construction of Pump Station B is scheduled to begin after tourist, hurricane, and king tides season this December/January with completion scheduled for April. The SCIIP grant application was submitted prior to the deadline of September 12, 2022, and award timeframe is the first quarter of 2023, so we are waiting on this approval. The Town is also applying for an additional Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be applied towards the Town's match of the SCIIP grant.

Update of Capital Improvements

With the exception of the updates regarding Pump Station A and B noted above, there are no new capital improvements updates to share.

Development of Process for Sewer Tap Approvals

Town Administrator Hill noted we are still waiting for information on Ocean Ridge; at this point we have no additional data to share with the Committee. There are approximately three to four certificates still pending. Ms. Hill will also find out how many buildable lots are available in Ocean Ridge. Our records do indicate which areas in Wyndham were "pre-approved." Ms. Hill will get information on the subdivisions and will ask Morgan Viars in our Building Department which lots are still vacant. Ms. Hill noted the capital improvement plan was based on deficiencies in the collection system

Water and Wastewater RFP 2022-06/Bid Opening September 29, 2022

Bids were received for the Water and Wastewater RFQ 2022-06 and opened on September 29. Individuals are reviewing the six submittals; Mr. Rasmussen is currently reviewing the submittals.

Assistant Town Administrator Aakhus is collecting the reviewer sheets, and we will decide next steps after all information has been collected.

Education for Homeowners on Septic Maintenance

Town Administrator Hill noted we will begin targeting certain items to make homeowners aware of in the Town's Monthly Highlights so they can properly maintain their systems and begin targeting certain things that homeowners should do. The information shared will be based on DHEC recommendations. The Edisto News publishes our Monthly Highlights, so homeowners will also see this information there. Chairman Kleckley suggested that perhaps it needs to be mentioned what happens to your septic system when you overload a rental home regarding environmental impact; etc.

Mr. Griffin noted that when Mr. Lyons was Town Mayor, Davis and Floyd conducted an impact study on Big Bay Creek. Ms. Hill noted she will try to find this impact study and will share with the Committee. Mr. Kleckley asked if an impact study could be done for the lagoons. Ms. Hill noted this could be a future project to study the lagoons and the interior lagoons.

New Business

Jungle Road Strip Mall

Mr. Buckner, business owner in the Town, asked to speak with the Committee regarding the strip mall property he owns on Jungle Road. He has talked with Mr. Zemp about this issue as well. He noted that the first six shops at the strip mall are on a septic system, the last four are on town sewer system. The septic system had to be redone 1.5 years ago, and it doesn't take much to overload the systems. Mr. Buckner is requesting the strip mall be added onto the sewer system. Specifically, the shops involved are the pizza, Tortuga, and coffee shops. He is concerned because of the limited number of taps, but he feels it is necessary these sites be added to the Town sewage system. He asked if there is there an opportunity and if there is a timeframe to be added. He thinks they are on borrowed time with the septic. Ms. Hill noted that Mr. Bingham of American Engineering Consultants noted we have to look at residence vs. business since businesses use more water. Businesses use more water, and it is something to consider.

Ms. Hill noted the Town cannot give him an answer right now, and we need to wait until Lift Station A and Lift Station B are completed. We may not have any real answers until Spring 2024. The Town will be able to look at this situation at that time, but we cannot commit to anything right now. Ms. Hill also noted everything is subject to funding, particularly for Lift Station A because of capacity. This committee is working on the process for sewer tap approvals. Chairman Kleckley noted they understand Mr. Buckner's need, and we want to accommodate, but it is a matter of time to see how this all works out.

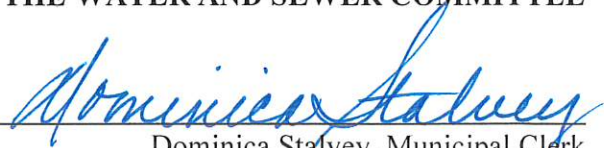
Chlorine

Mr. Griffin noted his next door neighbor is having issues with the chlorine level; she noted to him that the water has ruined her iron, killed her houseplants, and smelled terrible. Mr. Griffin asked if Mr. Zemp could speak to her. Mr. Zemp noted he will do so, but he wanted to stress the chlorine levels are constantly being checked since chlorine level depends on usage.

Adjournment

At 10:49 a.m., Mr. Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Griffin seconded this motion, which was unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE



Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk