

MINUTES
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
June 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Present: Jody Kleckley, Chair; and John David Griffith, Lou Rasmussen, David Ballard, and John Drolet, Committee Members. *Quorum of Members Present.*

Others Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra and Utilities Director Patrick Zemp

Call to Order

Chair Kleckley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2023

Mr. Kleckley moved to accept the minutes of May 16, 2023, with the correction of attendees as noted. Mr. Griffith seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Update on Moratorium and Capital Improvements

Town Administrator Aakhus reported the moratorium is still in effect until Pump Station A is complete. The design for Pump Station A is complete as it was done simultaneously with the Pump Station B design. American Engineering Consultants, Inc. is preparing a bid proposal for the Town's review for Pump Station A.

Council Approvals

Council approved to continue the Master Services Agreement with American Engineering Consultants, Inc. for the Wastewater System Upgrades project as part of the SCIIP grant.

Council approved the Sewer Tap Application recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee, as well as the first reading of Ordinance 2023-11, which will shift the burden of determining a septic system failure from the Town to a SCDHEC certified inspector. The Sewer Connection Decision Flowchart, which was recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee, was approved by Council

New Business

The following items were mentioned by Committee members:

- A business owner on Jungle Road requested to tap into the Town's sewer system, but due to the moratorium the request is pending.
- A question was asked regarding new construction in Ocean Ridge and sewer tie-on. Mr. Zemp explained that all certificates for sewer taps issued prior to the moratorium will be honored.
- Mr. Aakhus noted we are waiting on the Water Rate Study from American Engineering Consultants. Current revenues collected are sufficient at this time.
- Mr. Zemp stated we have received pricing for Automatic Meter Readers, and we are reviewing these and weighing our options.

A suggestion was made that the Town should notify residents, perhaps halfway through the hurricane season, to insulate and steps to take to prevent freezing in the winter months.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Griffith. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
September 19, 2023