

Utility Commission
December 6, 2021
MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

The regular scheduled meeting of the Delmar Utility Commission was called to order by Madam Chair Pase. This meeting is available to the public, in person with limited seating and via teleconference. The phone number and access code for accessibility to the meeting for the general public is posted on the meeting agenda. In attendance were Commission Member Dewald, Council Member Smith, Commissioner Unsell (via teleconference), Town Manager Bynum- King and Clerk of Council Vondell Spencer. Guests: Delmar, Maryland Mayor Jorden.

Madam Chair Pase took a roll call for attendance to establish a quorum, and all were present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded (Dewald/Smith) and carried to approve the minutes. Madam Chair Pase took a roll call vote, and the motion was passed 4 Ayes.

Unfinished Business –

Town Mgr. Bynum-King informed the Commission that the Wood Creek matter involving the sewer main repair on, Mulligan Way is still unresolved between the Developer and the Contractor.

Town Mgr. Bynum-King noted last week she reported the WTP chlorine booster pump was not pumping enough chlorine into the system. Since the last report the pump has been repaired and is pumping slightly lower than our normal range, it is at 110 and our normal range is between 100 and 120. We are still pumping at a good rate.

New Business –

Town Mgr. Bynum-King reported the Pine Street pump station had pump failure with the alternating pump. The alarm system was sending out high flow alarm notices. When the pump was pulled and checked it was discovered that the impeller was jammed with debris. The impeller was cleaned, resubmerged and it is pumping according to design. While that system was down, the primary pump was checked for precautionary measures and it had debris as well. All the debris was cleaned and both pumps are functioning properly. The lift station is doing very well.

She further reported we are doing several maintenance upgrades and repairs at the WTP. Some maintenance has been much needed and long overdue. As a part of the budget the fluoride room walls and floors are being repaired as needed and painted. Our Superintendent has ordered a new cylinder scale for the chlorine pumps. The existing scale is broken. The scale has been ordered.

Town Mgr. Bynum-King noted the Superintendent has been getting quotes from qualified bidders to reroute the cooper piping currently running along the wall in the WTP over the control panel room. It was suggested that the pipe be relocated outside of the panel control room because that's where all the electronics are located. The pipe will be relocated to the outside wall that is located in the Soda Ash Room which is within the WTP.

She further noted yesterday on-call received a phone call from a resident on West Grove Street complaining of a sewer back up into the shower drain. The Public Works foreman was on-call and responded to the call. After making an assessment he informed the resident that there is a blockage, in fact, but it fell on the property owner's responsibility. The resident had a plumber come and snake the line and reported that the plumber was able to snake all the way to the main. The foreman reported there was something actually clogged in the line but it wasn't on the Town's side. The resident said they were able to flush the toilet but there is a backup in the shower drain. The Public Works Foreman mentioned because the back up was in the shower drain, it supports his assessment that there was something either in the cleanout or the lateral. For precautionary measures because the homeowner was adamant that it was on the Town's side the Foreman did get CES to come out and flush the line and tomorrow the line be videoed to confirm the line is clear.

Town Manager Report –

Town Mgr. Bynum-King informed the Commission that Mark Welsh from the TGM Group is going to be at the Delaware meeting giving the Delaware Council and Utility audit presentation.

Council Comments

Madam Chair Pase - Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and was hoping for a good year and things to go smooth, everybody working together and peace on earth.

Commission Member Dewald- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said we will see everyone in 2022.

Commissioner Unsell – Wished everybody Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Smith – Hoped everyone has Happy Holidays.

Public Comments –

1. Mayor Jorden – Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

A motion was made, second (Smith/Dewald) and carried to adjourn. By roll call, the motion passed with 4 Ayes.

Clerk of Council

Vondell Spencer