

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 16, 2022. The meeting was held at 100 Water Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee. Board members present were Board Chairman Bill Marsh, Secretary Joe Harris and Board member Peggy Harwell. Also, present were General Manager Trigg Cathey, Assistant manager Robert Biggers, Supervisors, Roscoe Brannon, Pete Griffin, Terry Smith, Tommy Wallace, Brian Morrow, Caryl Giles, Billing Clerk Lucy Demastus, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons.

Chairman Bill Marsh called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

- Item 1.** The motion was made by Joe Harris, to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting. Peggy Harwell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

- Item 2.** July Bills and Financial Statement – Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons reported on the July bills and financial statement. Peggy Harwell made a motion to approve the July bills and financial statement. The motion was seconded by Joe Harris. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

- Item 3.** Water – Sewer Request – There were 4 residential water tap requests and 4 requests for residential sewer in the month of July.

- Item 4.** Water Plant- Reports and Memos – The water plant operated at an average of 19.6 hours per day. The plant ran at a capacity of 84.5%. The three-month water loss average was 37.3% for the month of July.

- Item 5.** Wastewater Plant- Report and Memos - Employees hauled 53,600 gallons of sludge from the Cornersville WWTP to be converted into biosolids.

Employees processed 259,602 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 126 tons of biosolids to various farms.

Flow Totals:

Employees treated and discharged 53.6 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.
Employees treated and discharged 2.3 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Trips/Classes

Caryl, Tommy and Cathy attended the WPC in Lexington Ky for CE credit.

Tours/Visits/Inspections

The Intro to Wastewater class from Fleming Training Center toured the plant.

Item 6. Other Business

6a. Project Update

1. The old underground pump station in front of Allison Transmissions is going to be replaced. The new Station, designed by Wauford, was bid out in combination with the Minth (Johnson Controls) sewer lift station and the combined contract was won by Hawkins and Price of Wartrace TN for a cost of \$1,733,117.00. This project is in full production and should be completed by the end of the year. At the Co-op, the booster pump station building foundation is being laid. At Minth, the new wet well is Installed
2. Industrial Park Sewer Project - The sewer infrastructure (larger pipes on Childress Road) to service MINTH Inc. will need to be in place for their phase two expansion. We will get an economic grant for \$587,000 to help with the projects. The project has been approved by the state and the EDA (Federal government). August 18th is the date for the bid opening on the job.
3. Loyd Branch Sewer Project - This project to remove and replace the sewer pipes with larger ones from Joyce Avenue to Midway Street. This is necessary to remove the State moratorium on the sewer basin that extends to interstate (I-65 Exit 32). Wauford has completed the design. It has state approval. We plan to fund the project ourselves. We would then attempt to get ARP funds to reimburse us for this project. The bids were opened on May 12. We only received two bids and the lowest one was \$2,513,395. This came as a shock because the "rough" estimate was \$1,500,000. Pipeworks Plus from Tullahoma is set to begin work when all pipe materials are delivered to the Jobsite. We have been out to walk the path of the job and explain to homeowners what will have to be done and the trees that will have to be taken down. The first part of this job will be pipe replacement on the west side of the railroad near the golf course and Joyce Avenue.
4. A new project is being planned to improve infrastructure to accommodate 286 houses to be built on Highway 50, across from the Curve Market. This involves the rebuilding of the current Highway 50 lift station, with new concrete and pumps. Wauford Engineering has estimated the cost to be \$435,000. D.R. Horton has agreed to pay for this project so that our current ratepayers do not bear this cost. D.R. Horton has signed the agreement and we have a signed contract for the engineering design to be done by Wauford. D.R. Horton will pay the actual cost of the project and not the estimated cost. The project was annexed into the city on April 12. Wauford will present their preliminary design to us on August 18. We will not spend any more money until D.R. Horton has purchased the land for the project.
5. Big Rock Creek sewer improvement project. We have been awarded the (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant for wastewater improvements. This money \$450,000, together with our Match of \$102,410, will fund the rehabilitation of the sewer main pipes on the walking trail next to Lone Oak cemetery. The design is complete. We have approvals from TDEC and ECD. We are still waiting on the railroad permit.

6b. Resolution – approval for \$458,255.59 to allocated as LWW portion for improvement to Loyd Branch Sewer Interceptor Replacement Project – Lori Fisher SCTDD (South Central Tennessee Development District) via conference call gave an update on the progress of our application to receive America Relief Funds for this project. The approval of this resolution is part of this application. After the update, Peggy Harwell made the motion to adopt the resolution. Joe Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote - 3 ayes.

6c. A proposal to charge the city a percentage for the service of collecting the sanitation fees had been discussed at previous meetings. After correspondence between the City and LWW it was determined by the Board to continue with the present agreement at this time. This was agreed to by the board without a motion being made.

Miscellaneous

1. Peggy Harwell made a motion to allow General Manager Trigg Cathey to cast a vote for Board of Directors at Duck River Electric. The motion was seconded by Joe Harris. Motion passed Voice vote – 3 ayes.
2. The motion was made by Peggy Harwell to present a contract to Marshall County Board of Utilities (County water system) with a 5% increase to the current contract. The motion was seconded by Joe Harris. Motion Passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris

