

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 18, 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, Caryl Giles, Pat McCannless, Chris Haislip, Billing Clerk Lucy Demastus, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons.

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

Item 1. The motion was made by Peggy Harwell to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022 meeting. Joe Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

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

Item 3. Water – Sewer Request – There were 11 residential water tap requests and 1 request for residential sewer in the month of September.

Item 4. Water Plant- Reports and Memos – The water plant operated at an average of 18.3 hours per day. The plant ran at a capacity of 78.1%. The three-month water loss average was 25.3% for the month of September.

Item 5. Wastewater Plant- Report and Memos - Employees processed 222,509 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 234 tons of biosolids to various farms.

Flow Totals:

Employees treated and discharged 52.3 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.
Employees treated and discharged 3.0 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Trips/Classes

NA

Pretreatment

Three Industries were inspected. They are Allison, Minth and West Rock.

Tours/Visits/ Inspections

NA

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 building, the block walls are being built. At the Minth lift station, The new wet well and valve pit have been installed. The site piping is underway.
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). Pipeworks Plus from Tullahoma submitted our only bid. It was \$1,877,513. This was higher than we hoped but we have been advised to accept this bid by Wauford. The preconstruction meeting was held on October 17.
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 has begun this job replacing manholes and sewer pipe near Manor circle and the golf course.
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 has presented their preliminary design to us. Pump selection and electrical design is underway. We will not spend any more money until D. R. Horton has purchased the land for the project. As of this date the land has not been purchased.
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, ECD, TDOT and CSX railroad. Bidding is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

6b. Baron Industries – Update the Board – General Manager Trigg Cathey gave an update on the Baron Industries situation. They have not determined the cause of the foreign substance that entered the sanitary sewer. At this time the system is clear and we will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Miscellaneous

1. Extra memory had to be added to our computer servers. The servers are three years old.
2. Old Hickory has installed additional equipment to help control the grease flow into the sanitary sewer. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris

