

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 15, 2023. 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 Pete Griffin, Terry Smith, Caryl Giles, Tommy Wallace, Roscoe Brannon, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons. Forty-year employee of the department Wayne Hann was also in attendance.

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

- Item 1.** The motion was made by Joe Harris to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting. Peggy Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

- Item 2.** July Bills and Financial Statement – Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons reported on The July 2023 bills and financial statement. Peggy Harwell made a motion to approve the July 2023 bills and financial statement. The motion was seconded by Joe Harris. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

- Item 3.** Water – Sewer Request – There were 24 residential water tap requests and 18 requests for residential sewer in the month of July.

- Item 4.** Water Plant- Reports and Memos – The water plant operated at an average of 20.0 hours per day. The plant monthly capacity was 86.5%. The three-month water loss average was 29.6 % for the month of July.

- Item 5.** Wastewater Plant- Report and Memos - Employees processed 218,178 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 20,200 gallons of sludge from the Cornersville WWTP to be converted into biosolids.

Employees hauled 300 tons of biosolids to various farms.

Flow Totals:

Employees treated and discharged 53.8 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.
Employees treated and discharged 2.2 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Pretreatment

Five industries were sampled: Allison, Old Hickory Smokehouse, Baron, Minth and Westrock

Item 6. Other Business

6. Project Update

1. 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 ratepayers do not bear the cost. D.R. Horton has signed the agreement and we have signed a contract for the engineering design to be done by Wauford. The project was annexed into the city on April 12th. Wauford has submitted final plans. D.R. Horton has purchased the land for this project. Lewisburg Water has received a check for \$435,000. They will pay the actual cost of the project and not the estimated cost. Bid opening was February 15th and the low bid was J. Cumby construction and was \$499,000. Long lead time items are pumps and controllers. Estimated start is September 2023.
2. Big Rock Creek sewer improvement project. We have been awarded the (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant of \$450,000 for wastewater improvements. This project is the rehabilitation of the sewer main pipes on the walking trail next to Lone Oak cemetery. Bid opening was December 15th. We received three bids. John T. Hall constructions company was low bidder at \$1,536,125. The preconstruction meeting was held on February 15th. They will begin when they have ductile iron pipe which is a long lead time item. Estimated start is October 2023.
3. The Installation of a new 8-inch water line to Cornersville. This line will run 5,000 feet from Underpass Road to Beechwood Ave. We are going to do it with in-house labor. It is set to be surveyed by Wauford within a few weeks and the pipe will be ordered soon. We expect to have it completed by the end of the year if all goes well.
4. The installation of a new sewer line at the old Heil Quaker building is underway. Currently the sewer line runs under a three-foot-thick slab with a warehouse on it. This is being done by Pipeworks Plus for \$115,000. We have had many initial setbacks but still expect it to be completed in three more weeks.

Miscellaneous

1. The department recognized employee Wayne Hann (Water Plant Operator) for his 40 years of exemplary service.
2. We have been approached by Marshall County water to consider forming an entity in building the new water plant on their land with a new intake. This project is expected to cost 39 million dollars. We have not received any preliminary design for this project. Wauford engineering is ready to evaluate all our options.
3. The updated Sewer Use Ordinance has passed 1st reading by the City Council. It requires passage of two readings to be adopted.
4. The updated Water Specifications has been approved by the state.

5. Federal funding for our completed local projects is still pending waiting final approval.

6. The department recently donated a 1999 truck to the auto repair department at Marshall County Vocational School.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris