

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 19, 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, Billing Clerk Lucy Demastus and Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons. Donny Groves with Chapel Hill Utilities was also in attendance.

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 August 15, 2023 meeting. Joe Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

Item 2. August Bills and Financial Statement – Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons reported on The August 2023 bills and financial statement. Peggy Harwell made a motion to approve the August 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 29 residential water tap requests and 17 requests for residential sewer in the month of August.

Item 4. Water Plant- Reports and Memos – The water plant operated at an average of 19.5 hours per day. The plant monthly capacity was 83.9%. The three-month water loss average was 26.9 % for the month of August.

Item 5. Wastewater Plant- Report and Memos - Employees processed 220,365 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 4600 gallons of sludge from the Cornersville WWTP to be converted into biosolids.

Employees hauled 420 tons of biosolids to various farms.

Flow Totals:

Employees treated and discharged 60.6 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.

Employees treated and discharged 2.6 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Pretreatment

Two industries were sampled: Allison and Baron

Tours/Visits/Inspections

The plant passed the Fire Marshall's inspection.

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 2, 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 beginning Monday September 18. The pipe has been delivered. 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. After digging, it was discovered that the pipe would have to be much deeper in solid limestone. Also 2 more manholes were required. The project finished at \$145,000, but the sewer line under the building will be abandoned. This will solve a 6-year on-going problem and save the department money in the future.
5. We have begun an in-house water leak detection with Chris Haislip directing the meter readers to listen for leaks. We started on August 24th. Brittany and David have been spending 8 hours a day on leak detecting. They have found a 6" main leak on Marshall St. & a service line leak on 5th Ave. and the construction crews have already repaired them. They have found a few other service line leaks. We will now begin detecting in the late afternoons and Saturdays.

Miscellaneous

A meeting has been scheduled by the City Council to gather information about the prospect of forming a Water Authority to serve the Marshall County area. The meeting will be held Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the Lewisburg Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris