

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 12, 2017, 8:30 AM
Sullivan's Island Town Hall

1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Requirements

The Freedom of Information Requirements having been met, the meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM. Those present were Committee Members Mark Howard, Bachman Smith and Susan Middaugh (Chair), Staff Members Greg Gress, Jason Blanton, and Andy Benke, and one Island resident and business owner with his manager.

2. The Minutes for W&S Committee meeting on December 22, 2016, were approved on a motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard, and unanimous vote.

3. Rate Study and consideration of Residential Equivalency Units for Basic Facility Charges.

The Committee discussed a possible consensus option presented by The Committee Chair, Susan Middaugh, for Multifamily Residential Properties and Non-residential Properties based on continued thought, data and input from residents and Council. The Committee also initiated discussion of whether residential properties with exceptionally high Usage, for home or irrigation, should also be considered. It was decided that this would be looked at in detail at the 1-26-2017 Water & Sewer Committee meeting. Jason Blanton offered to provide the Usage data that will be needed for this topic.

4. Update on I & I: Susan Middaugh reported that I&I for the month of December was 64%; that is, 64% of the wastewater treated at the WWTP was infiltrated groundwater. This means that for every 1 gallon of wastewater there were almost 2 gallons of groundwater leaking into the sewer pipelines.

5. Executive Session to brief the Committee on personnel issues.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 10:25 on a motion by Bachman Smith, Second by Mark Howard, and unanimous vote. The Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:45.

6. The next W&S Committee meeting is scheduled for:
Thursday, 1-26-2017, at 8:30 AM at Sullivan's Island Town Hall.

7. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM on a motion by Bachman Smith, second by Mark Howard, and unanimous vote.

Pending Items (to be considered in future meetings)

- a.** Poe Avenue sewer line replacement – delayed
- b.** I&I Phase II - postponed
- c.** CWS contract revisions – in progress
- d.** Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction – in progress
- e.** W&S billing software replacement - in progress
- f.** Development of a Cost Recovery Program
- g.** Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for submersible pumps
- h.** ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery