

**MINUTES
UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members Whaland Clark, Mabel Mumford-Pautz, Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr., and James R. Johnson, W.S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, Jennifer Stead, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting of January 17, 2005. Mr. Bristoll moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as submitted, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bailey announced that the Utilities Commission had cash on hand and in banks of \$396,602.31.

Mr. Sipes stated that the yearly truckload of lyme was purchased and stored.

Mr. Sipes stated that the grease problem on Scheeler Road at the shopping center had returned. He said that he planned to introduce an expanded FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) Ordinance in order to control the grease and oils that restaurants were discharging into the lines due to a lack of grease traps.

Mr. Sipes stated that the batteries failed on the emergency generator, but they were replaced. Also, a surveillance camera was installed at the water treatment plant as part of the vulnerability assessment by the EPA.

Mr. Sipes stated that he had a contract with LaMotte that they would calibrate the Town's laboratory equipment to insure that it was working well.

Mr. Sipes stated that the Town performed well on the DMRQA for 2004. He said that they were only off by 1-100th of a point, and the lab was functioning as it was supposed to.

Mr. Sipes stated that the fluoride system at the water plant was upgraded. The size of the pump was decreased making the system incapable of pumping over a certain amount of fluoride.

Mr. Sipes stated that he would like to purchase a tapping machine for 1½" to 2" lines at the cost of \$5,800.00 as it was needed for installation of new lines and fire lines.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the purchase of a tapping machine for \$5,800.00, was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sipes stated that he had auto dialers that he was going to install at the water plant, the main pump station, and at the lagoon for emergency monitoring of power and critical processing.

There being no further business, Mr. Clark made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Bristoll seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

Submitted by:


Jennifer Stead
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey
Mayor