

**MINUTES
UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 20, 2006**

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

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting of February 21, 2006. **Mr. Bristoll moved to approve the minutes as presented, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$548,682.56.

Mr. Sipes stated that there was a small electrical problem at the pump station at Washington Park that was fixed by the Utilities Department.

Mr. Sipes stated that both of the reservoir domes were in place at the water plant.

Mr. Sipes stated that one of the reservoirs had a leak and they were currently working to repair it.

Mr. Sipes stated that the new filters were online and working. He said that there was a 50% reduction in the backwash because of the new filters. Mr. Sipes said that Atlantic Tank was rehabbing the old filters. They were contracted to sandblast and paint and because it was out of season they were saving about 33% in costs.

Mayor Bailey read Resolution 2006-02 Recognizing Chestertown's Commitment to Water and Sewer Rate Increases Required to Fund BNR/ENR Improvements into the record. Mayor Bailey stated that this Resolution was necessary to proceed with the MWQFA loan for the BNR/ENR upgrade at the water plant. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve Resolution 2006-02, was seconded by Mr. Bristoll and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Bristoll pointed out that the raise in fees was mandatory from the State. Mr. Ingersoll stated that this was mandatory with the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration and would have been required through the USDA as well. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the loan would be paid off in 20-years rather than 40 (USDA) saving several million dollars in interest.

There being no further business, **Mr. Clark moved for payment of bills, was seconded by Mr. Bristoll and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Bristoll and carried unanimously.

Submitted by:


Jennifer Stead
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey
Mayor