

**UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2008**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr. and Mauritz Stetson and Mabel Mumford-Pautz, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2008. **Mr. Bristoll moved to approve the minutes as submitted, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$487,345.87.

Mr. Sipes stated that approximately seventy (70) people have toured the lagoon so far. He said that he would continue tours as long as there was interest for them.

Mr. Sipes stated that the lagoon had a problem with the air valves failing, which were under warranty, and had been fixed.

Mr. Sipes stated that the nutrient levels at the lagoon were lower than projected at this time. He said that the total nitrogen was less than 1% (better than the initial goal of 3%).

Mr. Sipes stated that John Funk from Princess Anne performed the controls upgrade at the water plant. He said this was a budgeted item. An autodialer was installed so if there was ever a problem he would get the call immediately.

Mr. Sipes stated that he made a trip to Allentown, Pennsylvania to get a new distribution pump which had now been installed. He said that it cost approximately \$6,000.00, but was budgeted in this budget year at a much higher cost.

Mr. Sipes stated that Delmarva Power finished the changeover from 7,000 volts of electricity to 42,000 volts and said that from this changeover he was hoping to see a reflection in the electric charges.

Mr. Sipes stated that he interviewed applicants for the laborer position available in the Utilities Department and made a preliminary selection.

There being no further business, **Mr. Bristoll moved for payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Bristoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m., was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.

Submitted by:


Jennifer Mulligan
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey
Mayor