

**UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr., Gibson Anthony, Mauritz Stetson and Mabel Mumford-Pautz, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, Jennifer Stead, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2007. **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 \$606,891.40.

Mr. Sipes stated that there was start-up of the wastewater treatment plant, with the opening of the influent valve. He said that they were building up a bio-mass so the plant was to a point where it was ready to discharge. Mr. Sipes stated that when that point was reached they would set up tours for anyone interested in seeing the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Sipes stated that it was important to note that the Federal and State government played a large role in funding the wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor Bailey stated that at the last meeting they discussed a letter received from MDE regarding the former Park Rug and Dry Cleaning building now Admiral Cleaners on Cross Street and asked if there was a response to the letter the Town sent to MDE. Mr. Sipes stated that there has been no response to date to the Town's letter.

Mr. Sipes stated that the letter from MDE was trying to require the Town to handle an issue that clearly fell under MDE's purview. Mr. Sipes stated that the institutional controls MDE required fell under the MDE's Hazardous Chemical Response Team duties.

Mr. Sipes stated that there was one property that had a contamination issue and the State suggested to the Town that it was the Town's responsibility to continue the investigation of finding out how far underground the plume had reached and to control the digging in that area. Mr. Sipes stated that the Town had nothing in place to restrict property owners from digging on their property.

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 7:51p.m., was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.

Submitted by: 
Jennifer Stead
Stenographer

Approved by:
Margo G. Bailey
Mayor