

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 2003**

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Utility Commission agenda included 16 items.

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM EXPANSION

Projects in this category are associated with the distribution of water from treatment facilities to the customer and from the customer to the treatment facilities.

The Commission held a public hearing to consider and adopt appropriate verifiable percentage goals for participation by minority and women owned businesses for construction of the sanitary sewer collection system improvements along **Pineview Drive, Cecil Drive and Cecil Drive Outfall**.

The Commission held a public hearing and final resolution to approve one water line extension project on **Willard Road** and two sewer line extension projects on **Wintergreen Road and Linville Springs Road**. These projects will provide service for 25 citizens and a total of 3,815 feet of water and sewer main will be extended to service these projects.

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for eight projects where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$1,339,710.00 and will provide service for 431 new water and sewer customers. A total of 36,761 feet of water and sewer main will be extended to provide water and/or sewer service for these projects. Three developers will be eligible for a refund in the estimated amount of \$229,947.00, which will be collected from new customers connecting to the water and sewer mains.

A main line extension project under the City/County Utility Commission (CCUC) Feasibility Plan totaling \$73,100.00 was awarded to Duke Power to provide water service on **Craig Road**. As a result of an upcoming project at the Belews Creek Steam Station, the existing drinking wells providing service to the facility must be abandoned. A total of 1,230 feet of water main will be extended to provide service for this project. Duke Power has requested the equivalent of seven connections in order for this project to be feasible.

The Commission approved the purchase of one easement in the amount of \$2,800.00, for the WynGrove Townhomes Outfall.

On May 12, 2003, the Commission reviewed a Request of Relief of a sewer easement for a customer on Shaftesbury Lane. At that time, no relief was recommended. Since that time, the property owners brought to staff's attention that they were overcharged for frontage. Staff investigated this report and determined that the property owners were overcharged 16 feet or \$288.00. This amount will be refunded to the property owner and the project will be reduced by 16 feet.

A contract previously awarded to Yates Construction Company for improvements to the water distribution system was amended to add the following project: **Craig Road**. The total cost of this addition is \$44,619.38.

The Commission approved a rejection of all bids for improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system along **Pineview Drive, Cecil Drive and Cecil Drive Outfall**. The original bids exceeded the engineer's estimate, which was below the formal bid threshold of \$300,000. Because staff expected bids within the informal bid range, this project was bid without publishing a legal notice, without setting M/WBE goals, and without establishing bid bond and performance and payment bond requirements. Therefore, the project will be rebid using formal bid procedures.

Final payment was approved to PF Plumbing Contractors, Inc., for work completed on the Piney Grove Phase III Improvements project.

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM EVALUATION/REHABILITATION

Projects in this category allow for improvements to the distribution and collection system.

An engineering agreement was approved with Allied Design, Inc., in the amount of \$17,500.00 to provide surveying and easement mapping services for the Ardmore Branch Outfall Rehabilitation project.

WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Projects in this category allow for improvements to treatment facilities that increase operational efficiency through out the system.

An engineering agreement was approved with Allied Design, Inc., in the amount of \$19,500.00 to provide engineering and design services for improvements to the Lowery Street Wastewater Pumping Station project.

A contract was awarded to Davie Truckers, Inc., in the amount of \$104,160.00 for the annual disposal of sludge from the Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Commission approved a contract with Carolina Generator, Inc., in the amount of \$61,895.18 for an engine cooler at the Archie Elledge Wastewater Treatment Plant. The generators are located in the main plant building, which is subject to some harsh atmosphere due to exposure to certain chemicals that have corroded the engine coolers for the generators, which has caused significant coolant leakage.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Projects in this category are associated with waste disposal.

The Commission approved a contract to Mountain States Contractors in the amount of \$1,194,511.55 for cell construction of the Old Salisbury Road Construction & Demolition Landfill Expansion – Phase IV, V, and VI project.

On July 1, 2003, the Commission approved solid waste disposal rates for the Hanes Mill Road Landfill Facility at \$33 per ton. In order to address fluctuations in the waste stream caused by more competitive waste disposal rates offered by the private sector, staff developed a rate class for large customers that agree to specific terms and conditions. The per ton rate for this class will be \$27. This action will facilitate long range planning for solid waste management programs and will help protect funding for waste reduction and recycling.

ADMINISTRATION

Projects in this category are associated with general policies of the Commission.

The Utility Commission has a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on January 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, located at 100 East First Street in City Hall South, fifth floor. For more information about the Commission agenda, please view the City's website at www.cityofws.org/meetings.