

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 12, 2004**

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Utility Commission agenda included 12 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 water distribution system along **Transou Road** and others, and for sanitary sewer collection system improvements for the construction of the Deep River Sanitary Sewer Collection System project.

A public hearing date was set for February 9, 2004, for one sewer line extension project on the following street: **Meadowland Road**.

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for three projects where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$390,490.00 and will provide service for 121 new water and sewer customers. A total of 11,721 feet of water and sewer main will be extended to provide water and/or sewer service for these projects.

The Commission approved the purchase of one easement in the amount of \$765.00, for the **Old Pine Hall Road Waterline**.

A contract for the purchase of brass fittings was awarded to National Waterworks, Inc., in the amount of \$29,270.54 and Gibson Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$147,899.12. The product will be used for water main connection repairs.

WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

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

The Commission rejected bids for the bar screen removal and replacement project at the Archie Elledge Wastewater Treatment Plant. The original bid substantially exceeded the estimated amount of the project. The bid specifications will be re-written and the project will re-bid at a later date.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Projects in this category are associated with waste disposal.

The Commission approved a new three-year agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services in the amount of \$331,714.80 to lease landfill equipment and Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$146,340.00 for the maintenance and repair of the equipment. The Commission will save \$49,721.76 over the three-year term of the contract compared to current costs for this service.

The Commission approved an agreement with RW Beck, Inc., and Jeremy O'Brien, P.E., in the amount of \$76,950 to perform a solid waste cost of service study and a study of commercial franchising. Both studies should assist in the Commissions' effort to improve the efficiency of landfill operations and to ensure equitable pricing of services.

An offer to purchase property for development of a new yard waste processing facility was approved by the Commission in the amount of \$80,800.00. The additional yard waste processing and leaf composting facility is proposed to serve areas identified for annexation on the north side of the City. The existing yard waste facility off Overdale Road will continue in operation.

On March 25, 2003, a public meeting was held at the Northwest Middle School to receive public comments to the Groundwater Corrective Measures report. Staff did not receive any public comments that caused the report to be altered. Since that time, HDR Engineering, Inc., project engineer, has submitted a report of the corrective measures to NCDENR to give the State an opportunity to comment on whether the report considered all reasonable remedial options. In November 2003, staff received a recommendation from HDR Engineering, Inc., the recommendation being that the selected remedy by monitored natural attenuation (MNA), supplemented by a pilot (field) study of enhanced attenuation using hydrogen release compounds (HRC). The Commission approved the recommendation for groundwater corrective action at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill.

The Commission approved a memorandum of understanding between Grassy Creek Neighborhood Alliance and the Utility Commission, as related to the Hanes Mill Road Landfill Expansion. The memorandum of understanding grants certain concessions that satisfy issues brought forth by the Grassy Creek Neighborhood Alliance.

The Commission approved an engineering agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$62,000.00 to provide construction quality assurance services and testing at the Old Salisbury Road Construction and Demolition Landfill site.

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 February 9 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.