

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
March 8, 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 improvements along **Goodwill Church Road** and **Deer Path Lane**.

A public hearing was set for April 5, 2004, for the preliminary assessment roll on the following streets: **Royal Coach Trail, Springlake Court, Bryn Mawr Lane, Lasley Drive, Main Street-Bethania, Micol Lane, Union Cross Road, Cheryl Drive, Glenwood Road and Latimer Drive**.

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for four projects where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$639,080.00 and will provide service for 147 new water and sewer customers. A total of 18,612 feet of water and sewer main will be extended to provide water and/or sewer service for these projects.

Main Line extension projects under the City/County Utility Commission (CCUC) Feasibility Plan totaling \$473,620.00 were awarded to provide water service in the following residential areas of Forsyth County: **Kerner Road, Bexley Place Lane, Ebert Road, Brook Meadow Lane and Brook Meadow Court**. A total of 7,282 feet of water main will be extended to provide service for 42 water customers in existing residential areas. These projects will be constructed once the customers have paid their required capital charges.

The Commission approved a request to be forwarded to the City Council and County Commissioners to transfer \$50,000.00 from the CCUC's Economic Development Reserve fund for the Piedmont Dialysis Center for utility improvements. Piedmont Dialysis will be constructing a new 23,000 square foot center that will employ approximately 50 new medical personnel. Their proposed location is a redevelopment site that will require some preparation before construction can take place. A twelve-inch sewer main that currently exists will need to be relocated. Under the terms of the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement setting up the Economic Development Reserve fund, both the City Council and County Commissioners would have to approve the use of these funds.

The Commission approved the purchase of 16 easements in the amount of \$44,300.00, for the **Lewisville-Clemmons Road Sewer Line** project.

On August 11, 2003, the Commission approved the installation of a pump station and force main on **August Drive** to serve **Kenbridge Drive, Landover Drive, Millbridge Road, Brandywine Drive, Clarendon Court, Chester Valley Road, Valley Brook Road, Valley Brook Court, West Bridge Court and Crestview Road**. An engineering agreement in the amount of \$24,000.00 was awarded to Allied Design, Inc., to provide certain engineering services required to complete the design and installation of the pump station and force main on August Drive.

The Commission awarded one contract totaling \$271,572.10 for improvements to the City's water distribution system along **Transou Road, Rock Hill Road, Chebar Drive, Continental Drive, Mashie Drive, Shadi-Green Lane, Primrose Lane and Wesmar Drive**. The contract was awarded to O'Brien Southern Trenching, Incorporated. This project was a previously approved feasibility project and the customers have subsequently paid their required capital charges.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

*Projects in this category are associated with waste disposal.*

The Commission approved the purchase of property located on the west side of the landfill expansion property in the amount of \$70,000.00. The parcel is approximately one acre and will be purchased at its appraised value. Acquiring this parcel of land will provide greater flexibility to the landfill expansion area.

The Commission approved a new four-year contract with Landfill Service Corporation in the amount of \$90,000.00 annually. This contract will provide the equipment and PosiPaks<sup>®</sup> for the Posi-Shell system, an alternative daily cover that is being used at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill. The current contract expires this month, March 2004.

The Commission also approved a five-year contract in the amount of \$277,500.00 for the purchase of cementitious mineral binder (also known as cement kiln dust). The cementitious binder is the mixture used in the Posi-Shell<sup>®</sup> system that is

applied to cover the waste.

In order to make the application of late fees more practical to implement and more equitable to the customer, the Commission amended the solid waste billing schedule. Current language states that a 10% charge will be applied to all balances unpaid after 30 days, an additional \$15 charge will be applied after 60 days and an additional \$10 charge will be applied after 75 days. The revised language states that if any charge for use of the landfill remains unpaid for 30 days after the due date, that a second notice will be mailed and that past due balances will be subject to a late charge of 1.5 percent per month. If the bill remains unpaid after 60 days, a third notice will be mailed.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Grease Control Policy that was approved on June 9, 2003 was amended to address some of the impacts that the policy has had on the food service industry. The original policy required that a North Carolina licensed *Septage* pumper be used to clean or pump out an interceptor and allows for a variance from the standard thirty-day interval to a maximum ninety-day maintenance interval. Upon review by the City Attorney's office and the NCDENR's Division of Solid Waste, there is no delegated authority to enforce this requirement in the policy. Therefore, the policy was amended to allow businesses to use a licensed hauler and to change the current ninety-day maximum to a one-hundred-eighty-day maximum for facilities that can demonstrate their maintenance frequency through the variance study process.

The Utility Commission has a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on April 5 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](http://www.cityofws.org/meetings).