

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 10, 2004**

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Utility Commission agenda included 10 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 for **Contract 2004-7 - Deer Hill Road, Deer Hill Circle, Leisure Point Lane, Hwy. 65, Belews Lake Drive, Nautical Point Drive and Montgomery Ridge Road; Contract 2004-8 – Shallowford Road, Hauser Road, Country Lane and Deer Run Drive and for construction of the Hanes Mill Road Landfill Gas Extraction System Expansion.**

The Commission approved confirmation of assessment rolls (assessment bills) for the following streets: **Jonestown Road, Drayton Park Court, W. Clemmonsville Road, Midpines Drive, Morning Star Lane, Union Cross Road, Union Cross Road, Brookhaven Drive, Twin Oak Drive, Harper Road, Lubert lane, Dawson Street, Ogburn Avenue, Sally Kirk Road and Willard Road. One property owner protested the cost of a property assessment on Willard Road. The Finance Committee will consider this item at a later meeting.**

A public hearing date was set for June 14, 2004, for two sewer line projects on the following streets: **Timber Ridge Court and Shallowford Road.**

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for nine projects where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$1,310,310.00 and will provide service for 265 new water and sewer customers. A total of 34,784 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 \$1,795.00 for Glenn High Waterline Phase II project, one easement in the amount of \$43,550.00 for Lewisville-Clemmons Road Waterline project, 26 easements in the amount of \$34,070.00 for Martin Mill Creek Outfall project, one easement in the amount of \$150.00 for Rierson Farms Sewer Line project and two easements in the amount of \$1,100.00 for Linville Springs Road Sewer Line project.

The Commission awarded one contract totaling \$309,376.25 to Ramey, Inc., for improvements to the City's water distribution system along **Goodwill Church Road and Deer Path Lane.**

A preliminary agreement previously approved with Wake Forest University for sewer relocation of a 12" line to serve the project known as Piedmont Dialysis Center was amended to revise the oversize main refund from \$7,875.00 to \$15,683.46. The amendment is based on the receipt of actual costs. The Utilities Staff also requested that the developer increase the size of the relocated 12" sewer main to 15" in diameter to handle future development in the downtown area.

**WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

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

The Commission awarded two contracts for mowing services at the Neilson and Northwest Water Treatment Plants for the period April 1 through October 31, 2004. Contract 1 was awarded to Davis Lawn Care in the estimated amount of \$8,850.00 and to Donnie Willard's Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$19,500.00.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

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

The Commission adopted a resolution in December of 2003 that sets a new rate for landfill customers willing to agree to deliver minimum quantities of waste over a three-year period. Staff has negotiated and the Commission approved authorization to execute these special rate agreements between the Commission and eligible solid waste haulers and generators using the Hanes Mill Road Landfill. These agreements will establish a discounted rate of \$27 per ton, in return for delivery of a minimum of 700 tons per month of waste. These agreements are intended to help secure adequate revenues needed for funding of solid waste recycling and disposal programs, and are renewable annually. Also, this arrangement with the haulers had been anticipated and will have no discernable effect on the expected life expectancy of the landfill. The following haulers are eligible and have indicated a desire to enter into agreements: Waste Management of

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Utility Commission approved its fiscal year 2004-2005 operating budget and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council for approval. The budget projects a 1.29% increase in operating expenses, including debt service. This year's proposed budget increases consists of a 2% merit increase for all employees and a net decrease in operating expenses of 1.67%. The capital improvement program totals \$39,689,097 and is a continuation of the previously approved capital plan. The proposed solid waste budget including debt service represents an overall decrease of .21%. The net increase is due to closure and post closure liability contributions to address the groundwater corrective action plan for the Hanes Mill Road Landfill. Based on the most recent projections provided by the Finance Department, the proposed rate increase for water and sewer is 9% (new rate effective upon the first billing cycle after October 1, 2004) and solid waste fees will increase from \$25 per ton to \$26 per ton at the Old Salisbury Road C&D Landfill (new rate effective July 1, 2004). The rate increases will allow the Commission to recover the costs of operations and future capital needs, as well as compensate for declining consumption. Even with the rates increases, Winston-Salem continues to have one of the lowest rates among the state's larger metropolitan areas.

The Utility Commission has a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on June 14 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).