



**Minutes of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission
September 19, 2018
Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bannwart at 9:30 AM.

Commissioners Morawski and Vancini were in attendance as were Tommy West and Carmella Montgomery of Hawthorne Services and Chris Houghton of Louis Berger.

The minutes of the August 15, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ms. Montgomery presented the financial report for August. Net income for the month was a positive \$19,345.00. The reimbursement from FEMA from Hurricane Irma was instrumental in this position. Revenue from water sales was below budget. The lower number of days in the billing cycle led to this result as well as customers responding to a Utility Commission notice requesting water reductions due to a major waterline break in the Charleston Water System. Capital costs were higher for the month to cover the cost of the fourth back-up generator and associated electrical costs.

The operations report for August was reviewed. Mr. West reported that operations for the month were normal with all permit requirements being met. Mr. West said he was reviewing the drawings for the new senior retirement facility adjacent to Freshfields Village. He indicated that the proposed grease trap may be undersized and details were lacking on the interface of the storm drain line under the proposed entrance with existing SIUC lines in the area. Mr. West reported on the equipment that had been rented in response to Hurricane Florence. The cost for the rented bypass pumps and generators exceeded \$12,000. Reimbursement from FEMA through the Town of Seabrook will be requested. Mr. West announced that Kevin Johnson had been hired, filling a long term vacant position.

Initial discussions on the 2019 budget took place. Mr. West will continue to refine figures for the budget. He will provide additional projections relative to water rates and review the split for costs for water and wastewater. These additional items will be considered at the October meeting.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was approved at 10:43 AM. A motion to return from Executive Session was approved at 10:54 AM.

There being no further business, upon a motion, second and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 17, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Date: October 17, 2018


