

**MINUTES OF THE WATER & WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY/STORMWATER AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting, October 25, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Water and Water Pollution Control Authority (W&WPCA) began at 7:00 P.M. on the 25th day of October 2018 in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Citizen Center, 120 Broad Street (Rear), New London, CT.

PRESENT: Barry Weiner, Chairman
John Russell, Vice-Chairman*
Councilor Martin Olsen
Scott Loring
Margarita Mogollon
Gregory Dziczek
Melissa Ford

ALSO PRESENT: Marianna Gaynor McGuirk, Public Utilities
Peter Vetter, Veolia Water
Brian Nixon, Veolia Water
Jim Locke, Veolia Water
Melissa Moordian, Veolia Water
Dave Smolenski, Citizen

ABSENT: Joseph Lanzafame, Public Utilities
Angie Peters

1.0 ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barry Weiner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and requested that the record show we do have a quorum. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Weiner requested a moment of silence in memory of Jane Glover who served the City of New London in many capacities over the years and was laid to rest this day.

2.0 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no Citizen Participation at the October 25, 2018 meeting of the Water & Water Pollution Control Authority.

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (1) Water & Water Pollution Control Authority (W&WPCA) Regular Meeting Minutes— September 27, 2018
Upon motion of Gregory Dziczek, seconded by Margarita Mogollon, it was moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Water & Water Pollution Control Authority (W&WPCA) Special Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2018
Upon motion of Melissa Ford, seconded by Scott Loring, it was moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

4.0 FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AUTHORITY

- (1) Tabled Items - n/a
- (2) 10/16/18 Email to Public Utilities from the City Council Secretary RE: 10/15/18 City Council Action (Stormwater Budget)
Chairman Weiner noted that the City Council approved the Stormwater Budget and Clarification of Schedule A at their October 15, 2018 City Council meeting.
- (3) 10/02/18 Email to Public Utilities from the City Council Secretary RE: 10/01/18 City Council Action (Bogue Brook Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation)
Chairman Weiner noted that the City Council approved Ordinance 10-01-18 in the amount of \$3,828,290 for dam improvements at Bogue Brook Reservoir at the October 1, 2018 City Council meeting.
- (4) 09/21/18 Memo to Chairman Barry Weiner from Attorney Brian Estep RE: 50 Mountain Avenue, New London, CT – File #21349

**denotes was not present for entire meeting*

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Upon motion of Margarita Mogollon, seconded by Gregory Dziczek it was moved to accept for the record Item 4.0 (2) thru Item 4.0(4) and take actions as dictated by the Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 For the Information of the Authority to be received for the Record:

(a) Veolia Monthly Contract Operations Report – Received -- October 16, 2018

Mr. Vetter noted that all water and wastewater operations were within permit compliance for the period of September 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018.

Mr. Vetter noted that all work on Final Clarifier No. 1 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is complete. He added the new stainless steel rake mechanism and epoxy coated effluent weirs have been completed and the tank is back on-line. He stated that after delays in starting this project, the final installation and equipment quality is very good. Plans are now underway to move forward with Final Clarifier No. 2 for next year.

Mr. Vetter noted that work is complete on the modification to the AUS Billing System to include Stormwater fees on the quarterly billings for New London. The first bills containing fees for Stormwater were mailed out this week. Mr. Vetter noted that we anticipate increased call volume from the public in response to this new fee. Mr. Vetter also noted that a temporary employee was hired for 3 months in anticipation of increased call volume.

Mr. Vetter noted that all accounts paid by credit card were approximately even with last month at just over 20%. The amount in legal continues to decrease with current balance at \$1,001,000 as of October 16, 2018

Mr. Vetter noted that Veolia received a phone call from CT DEEP requesting that we provide them with Chronic Toxicity testing for the wastewater effluent for 2017 and 2018. He added the State indicated that our new NPDES permit issued in 2016 added this new requirement. He stated that after a review of the new permit we discovered that in the narrative of the permit it references chronic testing annually between July 1 and September 30. He added it also states that testing should be performed for all parameters listed in Table C of the permit, which doesn't indicate chronic testing. The DEEP was contacted and the discrepancy in the permit was identified. DEEP indicated that this was not the only permit that had this issue and that they would be evaluating the situation as an oversight on both parties (Veolia and DEEP). Mr. Vetter noted that we have initiated a chronic sampling at the first available date (week of 10/29/18) although it is outside of the specified sampling dates, the State will accept the data for informational purposes. No enforcement action is anticipated as a result of this situation.

Mr. Vetter noted that Veolia has accepted delivery and completed training for a new VACON 2100 plus Vac-truck. He added this new equipment will greatly improve our vacuum excavating capacity and allow more efficient leak repair and sewer maintenance.

Mr. Vetter noted that on Monday evening Veolia replaced 50 feet of pipe on Aitcheson Drive. He presented the board with pictures of the pipe that was removed. Mr. Vetter noted that Joe Lanzafame has authorized a sample of the pipe to be sent to Corrosion Probe for testing. Mr. Vetter will report back to W&WPCA as soon as he gets the results from the testing.

Mr. Vetter presented the following information:

Water

- Lake Konomoc is at 83% of capacity at months end. The entire reservoir system is at 83% at months end
- Finished water flows for the month averaged 6.64 MGD
- All analysis and sampling are in full compliance with Drinking Water Standards

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Wastewater

- Monthly Flow Averaged 6.19 MGD
- TSS Average – 2.0 mg/L – 98% removal
- BOD Average – 3.0 mg/L – 98% removal
- Total Nitrogen 268 lbs/day – 87% removal

(b) Minutes and Agendas from Waterford Utility Commission

- (1) Waterford Utility Commission – Regular Meeting Agenda – October 16, 2018

(c) Minutes and Agendas East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission

- (1) East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission – Special Meeting Agenda – October 9, 2018

(d) Transfers/Deposits/Appropriation Requests –

- (1) Deposit \$1,354.00 from Calamari Recycling – Scrap Metal

(e) Information List (Actions as dictated by the Authority)

- (1) None

(f) (1) Veolia Water: Invoice for O&M in the amount of \$ 568,697.20 -- for November 2018 (O&M)

Upon motion of Scott Loring, seconded by Margarita Mogollon, it was moved to approve payment to Veolia Water in the amount of \$568,697.20 for November 2018 (O&M). The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Veolia Water: Invoice for Electricity Fee for November 2018 in the amount of \$ 100,303.96

Upon motion of Gregory Dzikczek, seconded by Melissa Ford, it was moved to approve payment to Veolia Water in the amount of \$100,303.96 for November 2018 Electricity. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) Conway & Londregan: Invoice #70684 for September Legal Fees in the amount of \$ 240.00.

Upon motion of Margarita Mogollon, seconded by Melissa Ford it was moved to approve payment to Conway & Londregan in the amount of \$240.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Olsen stated he did not have a problem paying the bill for Conway & Londregan but asked about the item on the bill dated 9/21/18 – Bankruptcy/Harbor North. It was noted that Veolia would investigate same and report back at the next meeting.

(4) Veolia Water: Invoice for Underground Materials for September 2018 in the amount of \$ 2,561.76

Upon motion of Gregory Dzikczek seconded by Scott Loring, it was moved to approve payment to Veolia Water in the amount of \$2,561.76 for Underground Materials for August, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

(g) Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Reports –

- Treatment Plant Sinking Fund
- Water Surcharge Account -- Water Fund
- Sewer Fund
- Water Fund – Capital Projects

Chairman Weiner requested Marianna contact Mr. Tom Bivona to do a presentation at the November 15, 2018 meeting of the Water & Water Pollution Control Authority.

(h) Delinquency Report – Provided by Veolia – Received – October 16, 2018

Upon motion of Gregory Dzikczek, seconded by Scott Loring, it was moved to send the recommended accounts presented by Veolia Water to Legal. The motion carried unanimously.

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The foregoing matters Items 5.1(a) through 5.1(h) are received for the record and/or referred to the committee.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

(1) None

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

(1) Approval of the W&WPCA Calendar for 2019

Upon motion of Gregory Dziczek, seconded by Margarita Mogollon, it was moved to approve the W&WPCA Calendar for 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Criteria for Claims – 47-49 Connecticut Avenue, New London, Ct

After discussion, upon motion of John Russell, seconded by Margarita Mogollon, it was moved to approve staff recommendation and offer relief on the sewer portion of the bill. The motion carried unanimously.

8.0 STORMWATER UTILITY AGENDA ITEMS

(1) There was discussion relative to Stormwater under Item 4.0(2).

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Gregory Dziczek, seconded by Melissa Ford, it was moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the W&WPCA will be Thursday, November 15, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Center Library, 120 Broad Street (Rear), New London, CT. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST TO BY: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

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