

Utilities Committee
May 6,, 2015
Lewisville Town Hall Conference Room

I. Call to Order

- A. Chair Jeff Zenger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Derek Duggins, Mike Horn, Ed Rachlin, and Lang Wilcox. Also present were Town Manager Hank Perkins and Planner Marty Myers.
- B. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1. Mr. Horn moved adoption.
 - a. Mr. Rachlin asked that a discussion of using energy power be added to the agenda.
 - (1) Mr. Horn agreed to that addition.
 - 2. Mr. Zenger seconded and the vote was unanimous.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. March 11, 2015
 - 1. Mr. Wilcox moved for approval and Mr. Rachlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Curtis LeMay arrived.

III. Administrative Reports

- A. Lewisville Sewer Master Plan
 - 1. Mr. Zenger noted that the committee did not have a quorum at the April meeting and there was a casual conversation with Mike Aquesta about how such a plan would happen and at the Council level, it was discussed again. There are currently two existing plans that could be updated rather than starting from scratch. The Council wanted the committee to open the opportunity to others to do that work.
 - 2. The committee was advised that Mr. Perkins has worked with CCUC and came up with a scope for the work which he reviewed it with committee members. He expects he would get the information out, and ask for proposals back, by the end of May. The approach is that it is a feasibility and master plan using the past studies for a starting point.
 - a. CCUC will pay for half of this master plan creation.
 - b. It was noted that the biggest thing that has happened since the original studies was that the LRO changed the density around the town's fringes and volumes of sewer flow will increase significantly.
 - c. There was a discussion on density and a suggestion to have a retreat to discuss and identify possible locations of density growth.
 - d. Mr. Zenger felt the retreat was a good idea but it should come after the study.
 - (1) Mr. Wilcox suggested working with the Planning Board subcommittee on the Small Area Plan to move development faster on the west of town and as well as from the downtown to the east.
 - (2) Mr. Rachlin asked if CCUC would be working with a private venture; however, Mr. Wilcox said that would come later.

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- e. Comments from the committee suggested that the Reynolds Creek issue is more urgent than CCUC has projected.
 - f. Mr. Rachlin suggested two meetings a month; however, others felt that would not be necessary.
- B. Power and energy
- 1. Mr. Rachlin said in opening his water and his electric bill, the word *utilities* was mentioned. He thought utilities just covered sewer. He said he was worried about falling behind the "power curve" in the near future and wanted to know who will decide if we want to tap into solar power. He suggested this committee's mission be changed to guide water, sewer, utility infrastructure and power sources and supplies. He recommended adding power sources and supplies to their mission and read from an article in Forbes Magazine.
 - 2. Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Perkins noted that those are up to the federal government.
- IV. **For the Good of the Order**
- A. Adjournment
- 1. Mr. Rachlin moved to adjourn and Mr. Wilcox seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn W. Hall, Public Information Officer

Attest:

Joyce C. McWilliams Walker, Town Clerk

Jeff Zenger, Chair