

Meeting Minutes
Cornelia Water & Sewerage Authority
January 22, 2019

The Cornelia Water & Sewerage Authority held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 22, 2019 at 10:00 am in Cornelia City Hall located at 181 Larkin Street. The following Authority members were in attendance, Mayor Irby and Donald Anderson, Janice Griggs and Don Bagwell. Ernest Burns was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance were: City Engineer Marty Boyd and Chase West, City Utility Director, Keith Ethridge.

The first item on the Agenda was approval of the October 23, 2018 minutes. Mayor Irby made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dee Anderson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Marty gave an update on the new Water Plant he explained that the biggest challenges is all the rain we have had as far as getting the reservoir filled. He said that he believes that it will probably be May before the Plant will be completed. Marty said that he had sent a letter to Joanna Smith about transferring the water from the old reservoir to the new one. He said it will probably take 12 weeks to complete based off the numbers from Safe Dams limits and our permitting requirements. He said the 1st third is uncontrollable and the 2nd and 3rd is based off Safe Dams limits. Marty said he would let Keith know when he got a response back from EPD.

Hazel Creek Dam No. 7 – Marty explained that the Gate Valve and trash rack have been on hold due to elevated water levels and that they will be repaired after the new reservoir goes on line. He said he has not resubmitted to Safe Dams any revisions or comments from the original plans that were sent in last year. Marty said we can't really do any work until the new reservoir goes online this summer.

Water Supply Study – Marty said that he and Dee had talked about cost alternatives and partnering with Tallulah Falls. He said that they have looked at numbers that were prepared by Tallulah Falls and their engineer. Marty said that they are looking at the capital cost of withdrawal on the Chattahoochee back into the City but it has not been completed yet but should be able to have a cost comparison between the two in a couple of weeks. Dee said that to partner with Tallulah Falls that we would have to be able to get 6 million gallons per day.

Groundwater Well Exploration & Development- Nothing on this project has been done.

Hazel Creek Raw Water Intake Dam – Marty said nothing has been done and not sure that it would be a long term strategy.

WWTP Expansion – Marty said this project is on hold until the bids come in for the New City Hall. Dee ask Marty if there had been any more conversation with Fieldale's Engineer about their EQ. Marty said just some emails but not anything for months now.

2017 CDBG Wayside St. Infrastructure Improvements – Chase said that Higgins Construction has been on the project for a couple weeks and has done some clearing between Foster St. and Hoyt St. They are also

on Circle Drive doing the casting pipe plate while the ground is wet. Chase said the project should be completed by June or July 2019.

2018 CDBG Cox St. Sewerage System Improvements – Chase said the survey has been completed and will walk the project today, to make sure the design will meet criteria for the field so he can get the easements to the City. He said bid is scheduled for April and should be ready for the May Commission Meeting.

Hampton Lift Station Upgrade – Chase said bid date is scheduled for May and that the project is needed due to future Hotels. He told Dee he should have the new Plat to him in the next 4 weeks.

2019 CDBG Banks St. Sewerage System Improvements – Chase said they are writing the Preliminary Engineering Report it includes the area of Banks St and Hoyt St. and it is next on the list of Sewer Improvements. Chase said Report is due in April and announcements will be in September.

Demorest Water System Connection - Marty said he has not finished the analysis but he should have it completed in a couple of weeks. Dee explained to the board that he and Keith had met with the Demorest City Manager as well as their Utilities Director about 6 months ago about them purchasing their water from us. Dee said that he had Marty looking at wholesale rates; he said that they have a well that produces over 1 million gallons a day and they would pump that water into our reservoir.

WWTP Filter Improvements – Marty said that they had released the RFP for Equipment selection last week. He said they are working on getting the Geo Technical completed and getting some boring done to determine what the foundation will look like. Structural and Electrical design still need to be done and should be completed in a couple of months. Marty said the plan is to have the project finished by the end of year.

Keith gave his report the WWTP treated 213.7 million gallons of sewerage and the WTP produced 221.57 million gallons of water. We recorded 28.91" of rain and the reservoir level is 10.0" above full pool. City crews repaired 15 water breaks and 10 sewer blocks.