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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**March 28, 2022**

Meeting Location: 301 McCall Street, Greer, SC 29650

**REGULAR SESSION**

Greer Commission of Public Works met in **Regular Session** with Chairman Perry J. Williams presiding. The Commissioners of Public Works assembled for their regular meeting at 12:30 PM in the boardroom of the administrative and operations complex.

Commissioner's present: Chairman Perry J. Williams, Commissioner Eugene G. Gibson, and Commissioner Jeffery M. Howell.

Others present: General Manager Mike Richard, Finance Manager Angela Karcher, Engineering and Planning Manager Mark Harvey, Operations Manager Marc Regier, Fredia Snow, Don Milner, Reno Deaton, and Alison Rauch.

The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, Greer Today and the Spartanburg Herald Journal were notified of the meeting by email on March 24, 2022, at 1:16 PM.

Mr. Williams called the **Regular Session** to order at 12:30 PM.

**INVOCATION**

Mr. Howell offered the invocation.

**MINUTES OF THE January 31, 2022, MEETING**

Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2022, meeting. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed. Mr. Howell voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. The motion carried. The minutes were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Finance Manager Angela Karcher presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2022.

Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the financial report as information and Mr. Gibson seconded. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Howell voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. The motion carried.

**PROJECT/DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Mark Harvey reported on:

- **BMW Pump Station Replacement**
- **High School Pump Station Replacement**

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION 2-2022 RECOGNIZING FREDIA SNOW

Mr. Williams presented Resolution 2-2022, which recognizes and thanks Fredia Snow for over twenty-two years of dedicated service to Greer CPW upon Fredia's retirement on February 17, 2022.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2022 as presented. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed. Mr. Howell voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. The motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF RUARK FINANCIAL CONSULTING CONTRACT

Mr. Richard stated that the current contract with Ruark Financial consulting contract was expiring and was recommending that the Commission authorize the General Manager to execute a new contract. The new contract has the same financial terms as the expiring contract, which is a maximum fee of \$147,000 annually. The only difference between the new contract and the expiring contract is that the new contract is for one year, while the expiring contract was for three years. Mr. Richard stated that Greer CPW utilizes Ruark Financial for Rate Studies, Wholesale Power analysis. A discussion followed.

Mr. Gibson made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute contract with Ruark Financial as presented and Mr. Howell seconded. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Howell voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. The motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF PIERPONT AND MCLELLAND CONSULTING CONTRACT

Mr. Richard presented a consulting services agreement with Pierpont and McLelland LLC. Mr. Richard recommended that the Commission authorize the General Manager to execute the consulting agreement. Mr. Richard stated that if approved Pierpont and McLelland would develop a Request for Proposals for Greer CPW's Supplemental Power needs beginning on January 1, 2029, along with analyzing the responses and making recommendation to staff of the best Supplemental Power Supplier. The fee for these services is \$175,000. A discussion followed.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the General Manager to execute the contract with Pierpont and McLelland as presented, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Howell voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. The motion carried.

#### GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Richard stated that since the Commission approved the increase in the Developer contribution for electric extensions from 50% to 75%, that prices of material have continued to escalate. As an example, the most recent quote for a 100 kVa pad mounted transformer was \$24,651, before the pandemic the average cost for this transformer was \$2,923.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Gibson made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The vote tally was as follows: Mr. Gibson, yes. Mr. Howell, yes. Mr. Williams, yes. The motion carried, and the **Regular Session** adjourned at 1:08 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Richard".

Mike Richard, General Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Perry J. Williams".

Perry J. Williams, Chairman

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**GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS  
GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RESOLUTION 2-2022**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FREDIA M. SNOW**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, as follows:

**WHEREAS**, GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS is a municipally owned, full-service utility for Greer and the Greater Greer Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredia M. Snow retired as Secretary of Board on February 17, 2022, concluding twenty two years of dedicated service to the GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Snow has served with distinction and honor during her time at GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Snow placed special emphasis on customer relations resulting in positive experiences for the customers of the GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission duly assembled: Greer Commission of Public Works do hereby express their appreciation to Fredia for her long years of service and wish Fredia continues good health and happiness during her retirement.

The above Resolution, upon motion duly made was passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Greer Commission of Public Works at its regular meeting held on the 28th day of March 2022.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

By:   
Perry J. Williams, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Mike Richard, General Manager  
Board of Commissioners

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