

**MINUTES  
City of New Berlin  
Utility Committee Meeting  
Tuesday January 23, 2007**

Members Present: Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Harenda, Alderman Ament, Commissioner Bob Dude and Commissioner Jim Morrisey

Others Present: Rick Johnson (Utility Manager), Jim Hart (Utility Supervisor), Mayor Jack Chiovatero, City Attorney Mark Blum, and Sue Hanley (Office Coordinator Utilities & Streets)

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. declaring a quorum with all members present.

**ITEM UT A-07 Approval of minutes from October 24, 2006 meeting**

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve minutes from the October 24th meeting. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and upon voting the motion passed 4 to 0 with Commissioner Dude voting present.

**ITEM UT 11-06 Update on School District sharing of costs of construction for Regal Manor Liftstation**

Alderman Gallagher asked if the work on this project was completed and if there was any response from the School District regarding payment.

Mayor Chiovatero said that he talked to Dr. James Benfield of the School District and they are willing to pay their share of the bill, they just haven't received it yet.

Rick Johnson said that the Utility has not received a bill yet, as there are punch list items that have not been completed by the contractor.

**ITEM UT 08-06 Update on Design of Proposed Treatment for Radium Compliance**

No update at this time.

**Closed Session**

Alderman Gallagher read the following:

The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session is as enumerated in Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1) (e) and (g) Discussion and possible action to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. More specifically to the purchase of water from Milwaukee, and Wis. Stat Sec 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. More specifically the State of Wisconsin notice of claim for alleged radium standard noncompliance in City wells.

Motion by Alderman Ament to go into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Harenda. Role call vote: Alderman Ament yes, Commissioner Dude yes, Alderman Harenda yes, Commissioner Morrisey yes, Alderman Gallagher yes.

Motion by Alderman Ament to return to Open Session at 6:21 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

## **Return to Open Session**

No further discussion on the item.

## **New Business**

### **ITEM UT 01-07            Utility Department 2007 Update**

Rick Johnson gave the Committee a brief update of 2007 projects. He noted that he had not received any complaints from the residents regarding the Honey Lane sewer relining project. He said there was a minor delay with all of the rain last month, but there were no back-ups. Mr. Johnson reported that the trench will have a cold patch put on it, then the final repair and asphalt work would be completed in spring.

Mr. Johnson said that the radium wells have been shut off, but because of that there has been additional workload placed on the other wells. He reported that Well #8 at Valley View which is a deep well pump, had a motor blow and the column pipe had holes in it that required repair. The Utility had the motor rebuilt and Well #8 is back up and running. He said that one of the other wells had a pump that may require maintenance and it was going to be inspected to see what was needed.

Mr. Johnson said that I & I work continues and that most of the work in 2007 will be lateral work which is less expensive than sewer relining. Utility staff is progressing with sewer televising and inspections.

Mr. Johnson announced that he was elected the President of Tri-County Waterworks Association (which represents 10 counties)

### **Information                    Utility Department 2006 Yearly Totals**

Alderman Ament asked if some of the sewer backups and service line repairs listed on the yearly totals were related to Ronald Reagan School, and if so, were the problems resolved?

Mr. Johnson answered yes, some were caused by the school project, and that Staff was meeting on Thursday with the City Attorney and the contractor to resolve the issues.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Morrisey at 6:28 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dude and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Suzette Hanley - Office Coordinator, Utilities & Streets*