

# Minutes

## NEW BERLIN SPECIAL UTILITY COMMITTEE

May 13, 2003

**Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Utility Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting.**

Members Present: Aldermen Gallagher, Harenda and Ament, Bob Dude (Citizen Member) and Ray Grzys (Director of Utilities and Streets)

Others Present: Mayor Ted Wysocki, Rick Johnson (Utilities Supervisor), City Attorney Mark Blum, Jerry Hutzler (Strand)

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **ITEM 48-02A Change order request TV John & Son Well #11**

Director Grzys stated that he had scheduled this Special Utility Committee meeting to request approval for change order #2 and change order #3 for Well #11. He stated that he and Rick Johnson had met with T.V. John and Son on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>. They requested that he work with them more closely with regard to approval of change orders and inspections when needed so that the work is not interrupted. Director Grzys added that additional change orders may be needed, but that the Committee and Council needs to approve these change orders in order for Well #11 to be online July 1<sup>st</sup> to meet the water needs of New Berlin residents.

Jerry Hutzler from Strand, our consultant on the Well 11 project, attended the meeting to answer any questions. Director Grzys said that these change orders have been inspected and recommended by Strand.

Lengthy discussion about project overruns on the Well 11 project. Director Grzys stated that all change orders will go through his office and Strand will be the contract Administrator and inspector to approve the change orders. He added that he is aware of only one other change order that will be forthcoming, and that will be the chlorination tablets.

Mayor Wysocki reminded the committee members to keep in mind that a few years ago the City anticipated the need for additional water and did some site studies. Some of the sites that qualified were in the large 80-acre parcel of land where Well 11 is now being constructed. When they approached the owners over a year ago, the plan for the land was not yet established.

Mayor Wysocki said that the site is now slated to be a residential development and some of the changes were a result of these plans, the developer's use of the land and the geography of the site. The developer will be responsible for electrical service per the Developer's Contract. He told the Committee that in the future, the City won't develop in a site that does not have a parcel plan.

The committee discussed further concerns regarding what the developer should be responsible for and questioned if changes were being made because of the developer's plan. Director Grzys answered that the City Attorney can help with answering questions regarding this, but that the change orders must be approved in order for Well 11 to be operational by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Dude said that the consultant used estimated the project cost would be \$340,000 to construct Well 11, but that the bids came in significantly higher. He suggested that the City needs more bids and a different consultant on future projects and that target costs need to be better. Alderman Harenda and Alderman Ament added that although the committee tries to maintain costs, that they are trapped into approving change orders for the construction to be completed on time.

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to recommend Council approve the remaining project changes for change order #2, (2-1, 2-2, 2-3 and 2-4) along with the motion from the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for the items (2-5, 2-7 and 2-8) for the total cost of \$21,972.55 and approve Change order #3 for \$24,537.00 for a total of \$46,509.55 for Well 11 from T.V. John and Son Inc to be funded by Water Utility Account #314. Second by Alderman Harenda, and passed unanimously.

**Motion to adjourn at 6:35pm by Alderman Ament. Second by Commissioner Dude passed unanimously.**