

City of New Berlin Utility Committee Meeting

August 6, 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: Larry Wilms (Division Engineer) Steve Schultz (Ruekert & Mielke), Mike Holzinger (Director of Finance and Administration)

Alderman Gallagher declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

ITEM G-03 Approval of minutes for July 2, 2003 meeting

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve the minutes of the July 2nd meeting. Second by Commissioner Dude. Upon voting, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 13-03 Preliminary Special Assessment Resolution for Janesville Road

Larry Wilms stated that resident Mr. Robert Stack was in the audience. He had talked to him numerous times during the past few years regarding obtaining Sewer service for his property at 12765 W. Janesville Road. Mr. Wilms stated that since he is the only resident in the special assessment district that needs sewer service, he could sign a waiver of assessment to relieve the formality of a public hearing for the sewer part of the resolution.

Commissioner Dude questioned what the policy was concerning installing new water or sewer service into an area. Mr. Wilms responded that it is usually driven by road repair, petition of residents, a Utility issue, or a direction of an agency that has authority.

After a lengthy discussion on the costs and benefits of the sanitary sewer and watermain extension for Janesville Road, Alderman Harenda said that he would talk to the other 3 residents in the area who would be affected.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to recommend to Council adoption of Preliminary Special Assessment Resolution # 03-___, "A Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessment and Directing the City Engineer to Prepare a Report for the Installation of Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Systems along Janesville Road (west of Lowell Place) in the Janesville Road Special Assessment District "in accordance with City Code. Source of funds: Project would be recovered through special assessments, impact fees (current and future), and Utility Capital Contributions in aid of construction, if approved. Second by Alderman Gallagher and upon voting, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 30-02 Milwaukee Water Design

Steve Schultz from Ruekert & Mielke gave a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that he would be giving regular updates per the question of the Utility Committee. Mr. Schultz stated that the watermain sizing studies were working on maximizing the number of residents that would be on Milwaukee water and minimizing dead ends. Ruekert and Mielke and the Utility Department is reviewing the Grange Avenue site that the City already owns and has asked for DNR approval since this parcel is in a floodplain. Commissioner Dude asked when there would be a rate increase for residents? Mr. Grzys answered that would happen when the Utility Committee presents their C.I.P. and budgets to the Finance Department to review. Mr. Holzinger said he had not seen the 2004 budget, but expected that a rate increase would be done in 2004 after Public Service Commission approval.

Commissioner Dude asked what items could possibly slow up the process? Steve Schultz said that extra time might be needed to obtain easements if needed; get DNR approval on items; and have the Committee and Council approve items. Director Grzys stated that Attorney Blum has been directed to work on the easement issues and land issues once they become available.

Discussion was made regarding how to inform the residents regarding updates to the Milwaukee Water project. Director Grzys stated that there will be information posted on the website and updates sent out with quarterly billing.

Item 33-02A Radium Study – Approval of Master Plan

Steve Schultz gave an update and PowerPoint presentation on the Radionuclide Rule Compliance Master Plan that was presented to Utility in July 2003. The purpose of the study was to evaluate alternatives for complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the rules associated with radionuclides in drinking water.

Steve said that the major supply and treatment categories identified after preliminary screen were: Treat Deep Sandstone Groundwater; Use Compliant Sources; and seek Regulatory Relief. He further elaborated on the alternatives to treating the deep sandstone groundwater with: Ion-Exchange Softening, Lime Softening, Reverse Osmosis, Greensand Filtration, HMO Filtration, Ion Selective Resins, and Electrodialysis and Electrodialysis Reversal. His study summary detailed capital costs and O & M cost over a period of 50 years.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to recommend to Council to approve the final Radionuclide Rule Compliance Master Plan for the City of New Berlin Water Utility, as presented by Ruekert & Mielke. Second by Commissioner Dude, and upon voting, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 14-03 AT& T /Telecorp Cellular Tower Lease Renegotiations

Since the representative for AT&T could not make the meeting, this issue was tabled.

Item 15-03 Award Construction Contract for Watermain and Water Services
Replacement on 170th Street between Lincoln and Rogers Drive

Commissioner Dude questioned why this item was budgeted at \$220,800 and the contract is \$264,530. Further discussion regarding the budget process for capital costs and that staff should spend more time on these projects. Larry Wilms indicated that the original budgeted item did not include an estimate for replacing the copper laterals in the right of way, and this was more work than was originally planned for. Commissioner Dude asked Mr. Wilms to supply a list of projects that we were under budget for if he has the time.

Alderman Gallagher questioned how we notify companies that a project is out for bid? Larry Wilms stated that the notice is published twice in the newspaper, twice in the trade journal and that Engineering also delivered 20 sets of project bid request to various contractors. Only one bid was received, but the City had worked with the company in the past and they were reliable.

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council to award Construction Contract W-142 for 179th Street Watermain Replacement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Globe Contractors, Inc., Pewaukee, WI for \$264,530 for Project #W-142 and waive any irregularities, for a total project cost not to exceed \$331,800. Source of Funds: Charge to Water Utility Account #343 and funded by Working Capital and included in the approved year 2003 CIP Budgets. Second by Alderman Harenda, and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 16-03 CMOM – Readiness Review

Director Grzys stated that he would try to get a representative from MMSD to discuss this issue at a Utility Committee meeting in a few months.

INFO Information Request – Islands without Water & Sewer

Larry Wilms provided this information at the request of Commissioner Dude to indicate where the City had islands without water and sewer in the City.

ITEM 09-03A 2nd Quarter Water & Sewer Budget Update

No discussion

ITEM 01-03A Proposed Ordinance Citywide Private I & I Draft

This item was tabled.

ITEM 12-03A Survey results for Small Road Water and Sewer

No Discussion

ITEM 22-01B 179th and Lincoln

No Discussion

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm by Alderman Ament. Second by Commissioner Dude and upon voting, motion passed unanimously.