

**CITY OF NEW BERLIN**  
**Proceedings of the Utility Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 25, 2011**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harenda called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM. Roll call and declared a quorum. Present were Aldermen Wysocki and Ament, Commissioner's Bob Dude and Jim Morrissey. Also present were City Attorney, Mark Blum; Utility Manager, Rick Johnson; Utility Supervisor, Jim Hart; Finance Director, Ralph Chipman; City Engineer, JP Walker; Records Technician, Donna Cox and Mayor Chiovatero. Kevin Schafer and Mark Kaminski, both MMSD Personnel were also present to give a presentation on rate increases, MMSD Budget, MMSD changes/proposed changes and I&I.

***This meeting was noticed on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Morrissey and carried with Alderman Harenda voting present.

**Privilege of the Floor:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **UT 07-09, Discussion regarding the procedures used to authorize the payments of costs & fees for utility consultants and contractors.**  
No Action
- **UT 25-09, Milwaukee Water Utility rate application PSC contested case hearing- Discussion and Possible Action.**  
Tabled
- **UT 15-10, Review, Discussion and Possible Action on how Utility Components in Roadway Projects should be funded.**  
Remained Tabled
- **MMSD Presentation by Kevin Schafer and Mark Kaminski / MMSD Personnel – Discussion on rate increases / MMSD Budget, MMSD Changes / Proposed Changes and I&I.**  
Discussion

Commissioners on the Board asked the guests from MMSD questions regarding some of the language that was used in the Draft Documents titled, Statement of Policy - MMSD's 2010-2020 Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program. Copies of the Draft were provided by MMSD to the Utility Committee. Kevin Schafer; Executive Director MMSD stated that Page 7 in the Draft, labeled Rules will be removed and that he suspected this 9 page Draft would be revised down to approximately 5 pages once MMSD has met with their Technical Advisory Team, Mr. Schafer also noted that the Draft is for discussion purposes only, as MMSD has not taken these documents to the Commission as of this meeting date, therefore it is not yet a final document.

Mr. Schafer talked about the Private Property I&I and stated that foundation drains need to be removed from the sewer systems out of the basements of resident's homes, he further stated that a lot of water is being caught from these foundation drains.

Mark Kaminski; Acting Controller and Treasurer for MMSD stated that the Capital Charges increased approximately \$600,000.00 from 2010, which he stated was a 12.3% increase. Mr. Kaminski stated that the average New Berlin household increase would be 2.5% and that the average household's rate last year was \$116.50 and that this rate is expected to increase to \$119.45.

Mr. Kaminski states MMSD's reasons for the Significant Increase is due to the Private Property I&I Program and the balance of the increase in 2011 is due to the reduced amount of Water Course Credit that New Berlin is receiving.

- **UT 25-10, Discussion and Possible Action MMSD: Private Property Infiltration & Inflow Reduction Policy.**  
Discussion

Utility Manager; Rick Johnson will provide the Utility Committee Board Members with a Summary of the data collected on the I&I inflow. Rick advised the Board that Flow Monitors will be installed in March through October. Rick also stated that an inspection of the pipes is needed in order to determine the scope of the problem and which ones if any are cracked and to determine where the flow is coming from. Rick noted that the cost is based on Volume with I&I. Commissioner Dude states the amount for I&I over the past 10 years has been 9.5 million dollars.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Information: Utility Payables and Monthly Financials, 2010 Toilet Rebate Totals.**

Sue Hanley; Utility and Streets Administrative Supervisor provided the 2010 Toilet Rebate information to the Utility Committee. The results of the 2010 Toilet Rebate Program is as follows:

Toilets replaced: 77 toilets

Total toilet rebates paid out: \$7,700.

Fees Generated: \$1,377 (inspection fees were \$27 per household not per toilet)

The total funds of \$30 k were not exhausted; the balance will be used for 2011.

- **UT 02-11, Discussion and Possible Action to recommend to Council an extension of the Sprint Cell Tower Lease for the antenna on the Water Tower at 2600 S. Calhoun Rd.**  
Motion by Commissioner Dude to recommend to Council the approval of the extension of the Sprint Cell Tower Lease Agreement for the antenna at 2600 S. Calhoun Rd. Seconded by Commissioner Morrissey and carried unanimously.

Attorney Blum stated that Sprint agreed with a 5% increase per year with another 15 year term. It has been confirmed that the Baseline number is consistent with the existing contract. It was addressed that the language needs to be changed reflecting that these monies go to Utilities and not to the City of New Berlin.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The basis for the item to be discussed in Closed Session is as enumerated in Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session. More specifically.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to go into Closed Session. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried with the following roll call vote: Commissioner Bob Dude; yes Commissioner Jim Morrissey; yes, and Alderman Harenda; yes.

## **Reconvene to Open Session**

- **UT 26-10, Review, Discussion and Possible Action on the purchase of the Groh property by Utility.**  
No Action

## **ADJOURN:**

Motion by Commissioner Morrissey to adjourn at 6:18 PM. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Cox  
Community Relations / City Clerk's Office