

**MINUTES
City of New Berlin
Utility Committee Meeting
Tuesday February 23, 2010**

Members Present: Alderman Ament, Alderman Wysocki, and Commissioner Jim Morrisey

Excused: Alderman Harenda and Commissioner Bob Dude

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

Commissioner Morrisey called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with roll call and declared a quorum. Alderman Harenda and Commissioner Dude were excused

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to appoint Jim Morrisey as active chairman for this meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ament and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

UT 01-10 Approval of Minutes from the January 26, 2010 Meeting

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ament and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

UT 07-09 Discussion regarding the procedures used to authorize the payments of costs and fees for utility consultants and contractors

No updates at this time.

UT 20-09 Parkland Green Design/Inspection costs for water main replacement

Johnson: Survey work for the water mains has been completed. The contractor is working on the design phase. The Utility will also change the water meters during the construction of this project so we don't have to bother the residents for 10-15 years. Final completion date is scheduled for June 30th.

Walker: We will open bids March 4th for the Roadway Rehabilitation portion of the project, then go to the Board and Council in March and will start work in June for roads other than Parkland Green. Scheduled start date for Parkland Green roads is July 5th. By contract, completion date is October 15th, but I anticipate it will be completed by the end of August.

UT 22-09 Request to Add 60 Acres of the Property Located at Approximately 19000 W. Lincoln Avenue into the New Berlin Urban Service Area

No updates at this time.

UT 23-09 Request to Add 60 Acres of the Property Located at Approximately 19000 W. Lincoln Avenue into the MMSD Current Sewer Service Area

No updates at this time.

UT 25-09 Update on funding for MOU: Wholesale Milwaukee water customers review of Milwaukee's Rate Case

Johnson: The group is working with the PSC and looking at the entire structure of Milwaukee's rate increase. I will update you when there is new information.

Morrisey: Did we receive an email on this earlier this month?

Johnson: Yes. The email was to inform us that the consultant that the wholesale group hired is questioning a lot of the rulings. The PSC had a lot of questions too.

Blum: I received notice of filing by the Milwaukee Water Utility. They stipulated to a portion of the initial findings that the PSC had made regarding the rate case in an effort to expedite it, but I have not seen any other action having been filed on the case. There is an electronic filing process when anyone files something on this particular case then I receive notification and if they are valuable I will forward them.

CLOSED SESSION

The basis for the items 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 require a closed session.

Discussion on offer for Westward Manor liftstation property acquisition from Geipel Certified Sod

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to go into Closed Session at 5:10 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Ament.
Role Call vote: Ament – yes, Wysocki – yes, Morrisey yes.

Motion by Alderman Ament to go into Open Session at 5:18 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

UT 05-08 Discussion and possible action to recommend to Council the approval of a jurisdictional offer pursuant to Wisconsin State Sec 32.05 for the acquisition of a site for the Westward Manor liftstation from Geipel Certified Sod at 19000 W. Lincoln Ave.

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Common Council to move that staff and our consultant shall proceed with the preparation, issuance and service of a jurisdictional offer pursuant to Wisconsin State Sec 32.05 for the acquisition of the proposed lift station site on a portion of the Geipel property at 19000 W. Lincoln Ave with compensation in the sum of \$500.00. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

UT 02-10 SEWPRC Planning Report Water Quality Management Plan update – Comments

No update at this time.

UT 04-10 Milwaukee Water Per Capita Calculations

No update at this time.

Mayor Chiovatero arrived at 5:17 p.m.

UT 05-10 Approve High Efficiency Toilet Report Program guidelines, application form, start date

The committee reviewed the website information draft.

Johnson: Only Water Sense toilets are eligible and there are 10-15 models available in the area. Information will be on the website, on cable, in the newsletter and information on the Utility bill. The program will start on April 1st. City of New Berlin Water and Sewer customers are eligible. Only 300 rebates are available and there is a limit of 2 per customer. Original receipts will be turned in and then processed for the \$100 rebate which will be mailed in 2-3 weeks.

Ament: I didn't think we were allowed to recommend stores, plumbers or installers? In the past we were told that we cannot give them any recommendations.

Attorney Blum: Any logos for stores need to be removed.

Johnson: We will be listing it as toilets are available at local home improvement and hardware stores or plumbing supply stores.

Walker: It says the homeowner is responsible for disposal of the old toilets? Is the Utility looking at a salvage program?

Johnson: Every community that has done this has left the responsibility of disposal to the homeowner.

Ament: If a plumber installed the toilet he would dispose of it and if you install it, you are responsible. Is there any value? If you have any suggestions, let Rick know.

Johnson: I don't think there is any value.

Wysocki: I believe this is meant to be for Water Utility customers only since it is a benefit to them?

Johnson: We are looking at doing this Utility wise for saving groundwater and reducing our flows to MMSD. Both Utilities are funding this out of different accounts.

Wysocki: So it would benefit both Water and Sewer Utility customers.

Morrisey: Should we include an end date?

Johnson: Once we meet the quota of 300 toilets, we are done.

Ament: Can we get the final version emailed to us?

Johnson: Yes.

Information Utility Payables, Monthly Financials

No questions.

Motion by Alderman Ament to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Please Note: Minutes are not official until approved by the Committee

*Respectfully submitted,
Suzette Hanley – Administrative Supervisor, Utilities & Streets*