

**Minutes
Special Stormwater Committee Meeting
New Berlin City Hall
3805 S. Casper Drive
Council Chambers
September 27, 2005**

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

Present: Alderman Harenda, Alderman Hopkins, Alderman Hegeman, Mayor Chiovero and Jim Kern

Others Present: Ray Grzys (Director of Utilities and Streets), Eric Nitschke (Division Engineer), Cathy Schwalbach (Project Engineer), and Sue Hanley (Office Coordinator Utilities & Streets)

Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm by Alderman Harenda and declared a quorum with all members present.

SW 01-05 Minutes from September 13th Meeting

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the minutes from the September 13th Stormwater Committee meeting. Second by Mayor Chiovero and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

SW 31-05 Bidding of the Underwood Creek Drainage Improvement Project

Eric Nitschke requested action to approve the City of New Berlin staff to solicit bids for the Underwood Creek Drainage Improvement project with an estimated fiscal impact of \$1,210,000. He read the rationale: The Underwood Creek Drainage Improvement Project is one of two remaining Capitol Improvement Projects (CIPs) from the original 5-year Stormwater Utility Operating Plan. Underwood Creek is also an area recommended for improvement by New Berlin's Stormwater Management Master Plan. Funding for the project is proposed to come from the Tess Corner's Creek CIP fund. The remaining funds in the Tess Corner's budget are approximately \$1,150,000. Staff will in the request for proposal place a high emphasis on the consulting engineer's ability to obtain alternate funding for the project through local, state, and federal grants.

Mr. Nitschke thanked the committee members for attending this special meeting in order to keep this project moving. He said that staff wants the design phase close to completion prior to grant funding deadlines April 2006.

Mr. Kern wanted clarification the project regarding Underwood 1 and 2a. Mr. Nitschke said that this project is a combination of both Underwood 2A which is the creek channel and Underwood 1 is the box culvert at Meadow Lane. Underwood 2B was the completed Gatewood Subdivision project and all three are part of the Stormwater Master Plan.

Mayor Chiovero said that there is \$1,150,000 in the budget, which leaves the project \$60,000 short and asked if there is an alternate plan if no grant funding is available? Mr. Nitschke said that the box culvert project estimate is approximately \$210,000 and this could be eliminated since the additional work in Underwood should naturally clean this area out. He added that staff already has grant funding for another streambank project, and is hoping to transfer any unused funds to this project. Staff hopes that project bids will come in under estimate.

Mr. Nitschke said that staff is looking for permission to solicit bids; however, staff may not come back with the lowest bid, but rather will select the one with the best product and ability to obtain grant funding. He added that staff always recommends the lowest responsive, responsible bidder on the construction phase.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the City of New Berlin staff to solicit bids for the Underwood Creek Drainage Improvement Project. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Hegeman at 4:42 p.m. Seconded by Mayor Chiovero and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Suzette Hanley, Office Coordinator Utilities and Streets