

CITY OF NEW BERLIN
Proceedings of the Utility Committee
Tuesday, December 21, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Commissioner, Jim Morrissey called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. Roll call and declared a quorum. Present were Aldermen Wysocki and Ament, and Commissioner Bob Dude. Also present were City Attorney, Mark Blum; Utility Manager, Rick Johnson; Utilities and Streets Administrative Supervisor, Sue Hanley; Utility Supervisor, Jim Hart; Finance Director, Ralph Chipman; and Accounting Manager, Ryan Bailey. Alderman Harenda had an excused absence.

This meeting was noticed on Tuesday December 14, 2010 in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dude and carried unanimously.

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 new information
- **UT 25-09, Milwaukee Water Utility rate application PSC contested case hearing- Discussion and Possible Action.**

Attorney Blum discusses the overall rate increase that the PSC approved. There is an overall rate increase of 20.8 %; the actual increase would be 25% instead of the 39% that was in the application material. The increase for Retail customers is 23.1 % and Wholesale customers 7.9%, this results in a modification to the Milwaukee Application, making this less than originally applied for.

Outstanding issues included the Economical Development Rate, reports from the PSC states they will allow for the wholesale sellers, like the City of New Berlin to provide that same reduced rate for new businesses here in New Berlin or in the Suburban Communities that are receiving Milwaukee water.

Attorney Blum informs the Utility Committee that some questions were posed by some of the Commissioners of the PSC about the Statutory Language and suggest the Commission lobbying to have the Statutory Language amended.

The final decision from the PSC needs to be reduced to an order, which should be completed by the second week of January.

- **UT 15-10, Review, Discussion and Possible Action on how Utility Components in Roadway Projects should be funded.**
Remained Tabled
- **Information: MMSD Charges for 2011 and TAT Meeting Summary.**
No Discussion
- **UT 22-10, Approval of Proposed Water Utility Operating and CIP Budgets.**
Motion by Commissioner Bob Dude to recommend to Council to approve the 2011 Water Utility Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,764,034, that includes the Purchase Water Adjustment Clause increase to keep up to the increase with the Milwaukee Water. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

Continuation of UT 22-10, CIP Budget

Capital Budget request total \$223,000, of that amount \$135,000 for meter replacement.

Motion by Commissioner Dude to recommend to Council to approve the 2011 Water Utility Capital Improvement Budget for \$223,000 for Fiscal Year 2011. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

- **UT 23-10, Approval of Proposed Wastewater Utility Operating and CIP Budgets.**
Motion by Commissioner Dude to increase the Wastewater rate by 10% effective January 01, 2011. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Dude to recommend to Council to approve the 2011 Wastewater Operating Budget. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Dude to recommend to Council to approve the 2011 Wastewater Utility Capital Improvement Budget as presented in the amount of \$247,653. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

The last Wastewater Sewer budget increase was in January of 1996. With a 10% increase for the Sewer budget over the next year will bring a profit of \$50,000. Currently the average for residential is approximately \$162.07 quarterly, with the increase the average resident increase would be approximately \$16.21 per quarter or approximately \$65.00 per year.

Utility Manager, Rick Johnson updates the Board on the Moorland Road Lift Station, originally the cost was at \$75,000 Impact Fee, however the problem at this location has been diagnosed and this amount can be deleted. Cleveland Avenue upgrades out of the CIP Budget was \$115,000 Impact Fees, this amount has been lowered to \$50,000 out of Impact Fees, the remainder of the funds will come out of the Repair and Replacement Funds. The Total CIP Budget amount is \$247,653. The breakdown being \$87,653 Working Capital, \$110,000 Equipment Repair and Replacement Account and \$50,000 Impact Fees.

- **UT 24-10, Discussion and Possible Action to make a recommendation to Council on a request to contribute funds for the Private Purchase of land directly north of Calhoun Park the impact of said purchase on Future Utility Operations and Infrastructure.**
Motion by Alderman Wysocki to drop this item from the agenda due to Council already addressing this item. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

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

A meeting with a representative from MMSD is scheduled for January. Updates should be provided by MMSD in January in regards to the I&I Program. Utility Manager, Rick Johnson will provide the Utility Committee Board Members with a spreadsheet of the breakdown on what has been spent on the private and public I&I, also a Boiler Plate letter will be sent to MMSD by the City of New Berlin.

- **UT 26-10, Review, Discussion and Possible Action on the Purchase of the Groh property by Utility.**

Mr. Groh has sent a letter to the City of New Berlin in regards to the purchase of his property that the City is the primary user of, as there is a lift station at this site that seems to be permanent and Mr. Groh would like for the City of New Berlin to take ownership of this property. More information regarding this property is being gathered.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Commissioner Dude to adjourn at 6:02 PM. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

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