

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

June 05, 2002

Members Present: Aldermen Gallagher, Harenda and Ament, Michael Holzinger (Director Finance and Utility) Mr. Dude (Citizen Member)

Others Present: JP Walker (City Engineer) Larry Wilms (Division Engineer), Rick Johnson (Utility Operations Manager) Steve Schulz (Rueckert/ Mielke)

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

ITEM F-02 Approval of minutes for meeting held May 01

Motion by Mr. Dude to approve the minutes of May 1st. Second by Alderman Ament and approved unanimously.

ITEM 20-02 WE Meter Reading Termination

Mr. Holzinger updated the committee regarding the termination of meter reading by WE. General discussion and questions raised include whether or not there are other communities affected, and if it would be possible for New Berlin to work in conjunction with those communities and/or a new provider. Also raised, was the question of whether or not the reading could be done in-house. Mr. Holzinger agreed to contact WE and other communities and return information to the committee.

ITEM 21-02 New Berlin West Sewer Extension

Mr. Wilms gave a brief explanation of the issue, along with a map showing the area involved. Alderman Gallagher raised the point that a recent MMSD letter states there is no capacity available, and therefore wonders why this issue is being brought to the committee. Mr. Walker explained that this issue was brought forward at the request of the Mayor to let the committee know there are issues being discussed. Additional discussion raised questions in regard to Brookfield capacity, the cost of routing sewer, construction of a lift station, and any additional connections being made available for future development. The committee suggested staff draft a letter to the school district to include all of the issues here raised.

ITEM 22-02 Authorize Right of Way for Utility and Trail Easement

An explanation of the requested action is given by Mr. Walker. The committee raised questions in regard to the legal issues, whether or not we have been given a legal opinion, and why the developer feels he should not be responsible in this case. Alderman Ament makes note that he would be opposed to the Utility customers having to pay. Other questions raised include, what cost benefits would be realized by the City, the possible abandonment of the existing lift station, the position of the current owner, and the procedural guidelines which need to be followed. The item is deferred to the July meeting at which time a closed session will be held to discuss specifics.

ITEM 23-02 Status Report on Utility Projects

Mr. Holzinger details the ongoing projects at the Utility as per the handout from Utility Operations

Manager Rick Johnson.

ITEM 24-02 Priority Basin Manhole Rehab – Identify Potential Deficiencies

Concern expressed by the Committee as to the lateness of the documentation for this issue. Mr. Wilms details the issue, and the item is deferred to the July meeting due to lack of information.

ITEM 25-02 Misc Project Status Updates

Steve Schulz is in attendance to update the committee in regard to ongoing well projects, and to bring any new and relevant information on negotiations with the City of Milwaukee. Mr. Wilms gives details on other projects ongoing per his handout.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Holzinger at 6:05 p.m. Second by Alderman Harenda, and approved unanimously.