

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

May 14, 2001

Members Present: Alderman Thomas, Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Ament, Mike Holzinger (Director of Finance and Utilities) Robert Dude (Citizen Member)

Others Present: Mayor Wysocki, Tom Krumplitsch (Utility Operations Manager), Jeff Chase (City Engineer), Larry Wilms (Division Engineer) Alderman Bullermann

Mr. Holzinger called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

ITEM Election of Committee Chairman

Motion to nominate Alderman Gallagher by Alderman Thomas. Second by Alderman Ament, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 4A-01 Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2001

Motion by Mr. Dude to approve the minutes for the March 20, 2001 meeting. Second by

Mr. Holzinger, and approved unanimously

ITEM 35-00 Pilot Project – Engineering Study on Private Sector I/I Problems

Motion by Mr. Dude to recommend to the Common Council to authorize City Engineer to negotiate a Professional Service Agreement with Crispell-Snyder, Consulting Engineers for performing detail investigations to inventory infiltration/inflow sources within pilot study area. Estimated total project cost \$155,000. Second by Mr. Holzinger.

-Lengthy discussion on the merits of the Pilot project, beginning with an explanation by Mr Holzinger in regard to the 100 year floods, and the damage to residential property which follows. The City would like to identify what can be done to prevent clear water from entering sewer system. Mr Wilms detailed the progress to date, and the dollars spent. He explained that all of the public sector portions of the system; manholes, sewer mains and connections in the affected area have been rehabbed, and we now need to look at other possible defects that exist in the private sector.

-Questions from Mr. Dude and Aldermen Ament and Gallagher in regard to the history of the project, the need to spend so large an amount, the justification for a study of such a large scope, and what is the City's intention in regard to the amnesty question.

-Explanations by Mr. Chase and Mr. Wilms detail how the study is intended to be implemented, why this particular area was chosen, the particulars of the dollar expenditure, and what they hope to accomplish with the study as proposed.

-Mayor Wysocki explained some of the history involved with the I/I projects, the extensive efforts that have been made to date, and the need to proceed.

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to amend the original motion to reduce to a 25% sampling, the scope of the study. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting, the motion failed.

Vote on the original motion carried unanimously

ITEM 13-01 Professional Service Agreement Phase 2 (LSSSES) Manhole Rehab Project

Motion by Mr. Holzinger to recommend to the Common Council to authorize award of a Professional Service Agreement with R.A. Smith & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for the preparation of final design, plans and construction contract documents and the bidding of the Phase II Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation Project. Estimated fee plus a contingency for \$9,085. Second by Alderman Thomas.

-Mr. Chase and Mr. Wilms gave an overall explanation of the scope of the manhole rehab project, explaining to the committee that this is an ongoing project that may never see an end.

-Aldermen Gallagher and Ament expressed questions and concerns regarding the funding.

Vote on the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 14-01 Sand and Gravel Geophysical Results

Motion by Mr. Holzinger to approve authorization for City Engineer to secure necessary Professional and Well Drilling Services and to negotiate a suitable agreement with the property owner to acquire the necessary land interests for a test well and to drill a test well for the Water Utility for a cost not to exceed \$85,000, that will be funded by Water Utility Account #923.42 Second by Mr. Dude.

-Mr. Holzinger gives the committee a brief explanation of the issue.

-Alderman Thomas excuses himself at 6:15 p.m. due to a prior commitment

-Mr. Chase explains that the City is looking for new sources of water for future use. He tells the committee that there are two potential sites being considered. Details will follow at a later date, but the study indicates the Marcus site is viable, and would like to have the authorization to dig to verify.

-Aldermen Gallagher and Ament question the project costs, whether this is something we need or want, and why this is being done at this time

-Staff explains the need for prudent positioning, and the need to start adding additional well sites to meet supply and demand for the future use based on projections of growth. The City also needs to consider the standards set by the EPA, and questions about the possibility of having to obtain Lake Michigan water and dealing with the MMSD.

The motion fails with a vote of two and two.

Motion by Mr. Holzinger to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Second by Mr Dude and carried unanimously.