

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

September 18, 2001

Members Present: Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Ament, Alderman Thomas, Robert Dude (Citizen Member), Michael Holzinger (Director Finance and Utility)

Others Present: Mayor Wysocki, Aldermen Scheuble, Tom Krumplitsch (Utility Operations Manager) Steve Schultz, Ruekert - Mielke

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ITEM 27-01 Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2001

MOTION by Alderman Ament to approve the minutes of the Utility Committee Meeting of 8/21/01. Second by Mr. Holzinger and approved unanimously.

ITEM 22-01A Survey- Proposed Sewer and Water Service Update 179th St and Lincoln Ave

Questions regarding the number of surveys actually returned; inquiries about the cost to homeowners involved, and whether or not those homeowners were made aware of the costs in the survey. The standard operating procedure for Special Assessments, and a brief explanation by Mr. Holzinger about the typical cost for specials being hinged to the footage of the property were also discussed.

ITEM 22-01B Resolution – Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Special Assessment

179th St and Lincoln Ave

MOTION by Mr. Dude to recommend to Council the adoption of the preliminary resolution for the creation of a Special Assessment for 179th St and Lincoln Ave, second by Mr. Holzinger.

Committee questions where the impact dollars actually come from, what dollar amount is currently available, and what cost of oversizing will eventually fall to the City. The committee was under the impression that the bill was going to be paid entirely by Liberty Lane Development and Jacobs Ridge. Alderman Gallagher reminds the committee that much of this is contingent upon the building of Jacob's Ridge, and we are currently unaware if the final plan, or the zoning ordinance have yet been approved.

MOTION to table by Alderman Ament. Second by Alderman Thomas and passed unanimously.

ITEM 24-01A Lake Michigan Water Study

MOTION by Alderman Thomas to direct staff to begin negotiations with the City of Milwaukee for the possible purchase of Lake Michigan water. Second by Mr. Dude.

MOTION by Alderman Thomas to direct staff to develop a proposal to present to the DNR, and the Council of Great Lakes Governors for the diversion of Lake Michigan Water beyond the Continental divide. Second by Mr. Holzinger.

Mr. Schultz of Ruekert and Mielke offers an update on progress made to date. They are currently waiting for access to the Marcus site, the initial well was dug, and awaiting results, and they may look for a

second site on the Marcus property. He reiterates the City's capacity is diminishing, and suggests New Berlin begin discussion with the City of Milwaukee for the possible purchase of Lake Michigan water, and begin the process of obtaining approval from the Council of Great Lakes Governor's to extend beyond the continental divide.

Ms. Jean Crotty requests the floor to make known her opposition to the issue of Milwaukee water west of Calhoun Road. She is followed by Alderman Scheuble, who requests the floor for a question, and a comment. He would like the Committee to clarify the area to be included in the proposal to the DNR.

Alderman Gallagher assures both that we are simply fact finding at this point, to find out what options are available to us.

Final comments on the water issue by several of the committee members, followed by explanations from Mr. Schultz.

Upon voting, the motion to begin negotiations with the City of Milwaukee for the potential purchase of water passes unanimously.

Upon voting, the motion to direct staff to develop a proposal to present to the DNR, and the Council of Great Lakes Governors for the diversion of Lake Michigan water beyond the Continental divide passes unanimously.

ITEM 24-01 B Marcus Land Test Well

Mr. Schultz identified the progress being made on this issue as discussed in the Water Study above.

ITEM 25-01 Geophysical Logging Study, Well No. 8

MOTION by Alderman Ament to recommend to Council to proceed with remedial action to repair Well No. 8. Second by Alderman Thomas.

Mr. Schultz relates the issues being addressed at Well No. 8. Limited discussion on the reasons for the repairs to Well No. 8, and the total costs involved. Mr. Schultz gave a \$90,000 cost figure.

Upon voting, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 26-01 Rebatzke Storm Water Backup Claim

It is the Committee's understanding that this issue has all ready been resolved by the Council, and that at this level, perhaps we simply need to find a way to make citizens aware of their responsibility to insure themselves properly. It is suggested that a notice of some kind be sent to all Utility customers informing them of their rights and obligations as homeowners. It is suggested that a notice be included either on the new Utility bill, or with the City newsletter.

The Committee will direct staff to put together a notice to Utility customers.

ITEM 28-01 Establish Regular Meeting Date and Time

General consensus will establish the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. as the new meeting date and time for the Utility committee meetings. Agreed unanimously.

ITEM 29-01 Jacobs Ridge Liftstation

MOTION to table by Alderman Thomas, second by Alderman Ament, and approved unanimously.

Motion to table based on insufficient information currently available on the issue.

ITEM 30-01 Water High School Athletic Fields

Decision was made by the Committee to forward requests for water during times of restrictions to responsible persons on staff.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Holzinger at 5:38 p.m., second by Alderman Ament, and passed unanimously.