

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

February 29, 2000

Revised 3/2/00

Members Present: Alderman Bullermann (Chairman), Alderman Wysocki, Alderman Patzer, Mike Holzinger (Director of Finance & Utilities), and Tim Murphy.

Others Present: Tom Krumplichtsch (Utility Operations Manager), Jeff Chase (City Engineer), and Larry Wilms (Division Engineer).

Alderman Bullermann called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

ITEM 1A-00 Approval of Minutes, December 2, 1999

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes for the December 2, 1999 meeting. Second by Tim Murphy. Motion carried with Alderman Patzer voting present.

ITEM 34-99 Allocation of Funds Reserved for Westbrooke Sewers

- Alderman Bullermann brought to the floor a friendly motion to use the money from the reserved funds for the Greenfield Ave water main installation.
- Discussion by Alderman Wysocki that he thought this money was going to be used to pay down what was owed to Brookfield. He stated that he could not support the motion at this time.
- Jeff Chase gave preliminary figures for the Greenfield Ave project.
- Alderman Patzer asked why this project was done backwards from the way other projects are done.
- Tim Murphy asked what would happen when a new sewer project came up, would these customers also expect relief.
- Mike Holzinger stated that this money could be used to pay off some of what we owed the City of Brookfield. The entire tax base is paying this and it would pay down at least one year.

Motion by Alderman Bullermann to recommend to the Common Council reallocation of the Westbrooke Sewer funds to be put against the assessment role for the Greenfield Ave. water main project. Motion failed 3 to 2.

- Alderman Patzer stated that the monies should be designated. In further discussion, Alderman Patzer discussed whether this money could be designated for additional inspection of sewer manholes.
- Alderman Wysocki asked if there were any projects that are currently not funded.
- Mike stated that in a document he handed out, he is asking for allocation of \$2,000,000 for the I/I account.
- Jeff Chase felt this was a very ambitious schedule.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to the Common Council the reallocation of the \$210,270 reserved for the Westbrooke Sewers to be designated for the debt service payment on the GO Promissary Note 1997A. Second by Tim Murphy. Passed on a 3 to 2 vote with Alderman Bullermann and Alderman Patzer voting no.

ITEM 01-00 Charles Koeppen / Town Rd. / Malone Park Storm Sewer

- Referred from Board of Public Works.
- The City bought the property to be used for a park and also for the Utility Shop Expansion.
- Originally the storm sewer was to be extended to the back lots of Town Rd.
- Solution was to grade in a very gentle swale from the Koeppen's back yard, around the Utility building, moving across the soccer fields to the inlets at Casper Dr. This is not the best solution. The Koeppen's are not happy with the way their back yard does not drain properly. One solution would be to complete the initial storm sewer to the east line of the park with a smaller line going to the Koeppen's property. The Parks Department would then be able to regrade the soccer fields, fill in the swale, and make better use of this property.
- The estimated cost would be \$55,000. This cost can vary by about 20% depending on the time of year and how busy the contractors are. If the project bids would be for more, we can come back to the committee to get approval.
- In further discussion, Jeff Chase stated that they would have to create construction documents and put a bid package together and put it out for bids. Wants the funds to be identified.
- Alderman Wysocki stated that we had an oral contract with the Koeppen's and need to fix the problem.
- Mike stated that the funds would come from the Utility in 831.04 account. He does not think the entire project should come from the Utility.
- Ted stated that it was a Utility project that changed the nature of the land. It was originally park land. It was a cooperative effort between the Park Department and the Utility Department to do something in that area. The Park Department would put in the storm sewers to the east of Casper Dr. and any problems would be the responsibility of the Utility. The funding should come from the Utility.
- Tim Murphy stated that he does not want a cap of \$55,000 on this project.
- Alderman Patzer stated he thinks that some cap should be put on the project.
- Alderman Wysocki questioned whether the contracts would go through the Board of Public Works.
- Jeff Chase stated that all Utility projects went through the Board of Public Works.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to the Common Council that the Engineering Staff prepare Construction Documents and put the project out for bid for project construction of approximately 670 l.f. of 24 and 18 inch storm sewer in the designated area with the funding to come from the Utility account 831.04 with the price not to exceed \$60,000. Second by Alderman Patzer. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 02-00 Water /Wastewater Rate Study

- Mike discussed that New Berlin is close to the average for water rates, but that we are at the top of the list for wastewater rates.
- Elm Grove, Franklin, Mequon, and Oak Creek are all recovering their MMSD sewer capital charges through ad valorem taxes.
- Mike Holzinger stated that sewer rates are to be reviewed every year.
- If we need a water rate change, we would need to go through the PSC while the Utility Committee sets wastewater rates and these do not need PSC approval.
- Alderman Wysocki stated that he would like the staff to prepare a study for next year's budget.
- Mike Holzinger stated that the wastewater rate structure needs to be looked at either in house or contract it out.
- Direction of the committee to look at the rate structure.

ITEM 03-00 Status Report on Utility Projects.

Greenfield Avenue Water Main

- Project was started on the west and went east.
- Water main is essentially complete and ready for use.
- Public Hearing to be held March 21.
- Project schedule was driven by the highway project.
- Jeff stated that the public hearing is not to decide if a project will be done but to decide how to pay for the project and how the assessments are going to be distributed.

Well House #3, #4, and #10

Well #3

- Has been punch listed.
- It is about 80% complete.
- Work quality is good.
- It is online.
- Landscaping will be done in spring.

Well #4

- Generator was purchased for this well house and a test run was done on December 31st.
- It is about 85 % complete.
- Chlorine room is fully operational.
- Landscaping will be done in spring.

Well #10

- Ready to make final payout.
- Punch list and warranty work is done.
- Paid for completely by TIF monies.
- High entrained air content, working on problem.

Tower #3

- TIF project.
- Payout is ready to be made.

LSSSES Project

- There are about 25-43 remaining manholes that need to be identified.
- Need to reformat some data from GIS system.
- Project should be complete in early to mid April.
- Alderman Bullermann would like to have information included in the City Newsletter.

Utility Shop

- Met with contractor in regard to the heating/air conditioning system.
- Design was not met and installation was not as to specs.
- Performance bond is good for two years.
- Landscaping and paving to be done this year.

Emergency Generators

- Generators are completed and fully functional.
- Testing will be run on a month basis.

Requested Action for Infiltration/Inflow Repair

- We are limited as far as the LSSSES revenues that we can generate.
- Alderman Wysocki stated that we should have an aggressive program.
- Tom Krumpitsch stated that in new construction we must be sure the contractors follow the standards we have set forth.
- More aggressive scheduling of cleaning and televising.

Motion by Mike Holzinger to recommend to the Common Council that \$2,000,000 be reserved for the Infiltration/Inflow repair account for year-end 1999. Seconded by Alderman Patzer. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 04-00 Status Report on MMSD Capital Charge Survey

- In 1998, the Utility Committee was established.
- A citizen ad hoc committee was established in the fall of 1998.
- Need to draw this to a conclusion.
- In August of 1999, staff was directed to hire a marketing firm to survey customers.
- Ad hoc committee may need to re-evaluate the need.

ITEM 05-00 Status of Purchase of Milwaukee Water

- Milwaukee was contacted. They are waiting for information from the City.
- Mike Holzinger gave it to the Engineering Department to contact the City of Milwaukee.
- This is exploratory at this point.

ITEM 06-00 Status Report on Water Impact Fee Study

- City commissioned Ruekert & Mielke to look at the impact fees.
- We need to get back to Ruekert & Mielke.
- LSSSES project - facility needs study.

ITEM 07-00 Discussion of Antenna Installations on Water Towers

- Are there guidelines for installations on the water towers?
- Currently we have leases on two other sites.
- Tom Krumpitsch suggested checking with other communities to see how they are handling installations.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. by Alderman Bullermann. Second by Alderman Wysocki. Motion carried unanimously.