

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

JULY 17, 2000

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

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

Alderman Bullermann called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

ITEM 1A-00 Approval of Minutes, May 9, 2000

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2000 meeting. Second by Tim Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 26-00 Power Company Electrical Services and Outages

- Alderman Wysocki stated that many people have been experiencing power outages on a more frequent basis than several years ago. He would like to meet with a WEPCO representative to discuss these outages.
- Alderman Bullermann asked if communities have ordinances that address power outages, are there fines we can impose, or what kind of accountability can we hold them to. Mike Holzinger stated that he was not aware of any ordinances.
- Tom Krumpitsch stated that we might want to go out to the WEPCO site and tour the facilities.
- Alderman Wysocki questioned whether the outages were due to aged equipment, a differed maintenance schedule, or is WEPCO able to keep with the power needs as we have added development.
- Alderman Bullermann questioned whether the Board of Public Works was doing anything about this problem. He stated that we should televise the meeting with WEPCO.
- Tom Krumpitsch will contact WEPCO and Alderman Bullermann will contact Alderman Wilkens.
- The meeting will be planned for the first week of August.

Alderman Bullermann stated the MMSD Capital Charges needs to be put on the agenda.

ITEM 25-00 July 2nd Storm Update

- Alderman Patzer would like the City to help customers pay for clean up of the storm. He would like it to be for people who have been affected the last three (3) years.
- Alderman Wysocki stated that people in his district have experienced health hazards from storms the last three years.
- Jeff Chase stated that we know of no problem. Clear water is getting into the system. In areas like Buena Park, we have done just about everything that we are going to do and yet clear water is still getting into the system. A home usually generates about 200 gallons of water per day, a sump pump generates about 4,000 gallons a day. Our sanitary sewer system is not able to handle this amount of water. If we pay for clean up, we are going counter to public policy. Instead, we should do something to prevent sewage from getting into the basements. This may include glass block windows, install a back flow preventer in the sanitary lateral, and finding out where the clear water is getting into the sanitary sewers.

- Alderman Bullermann stated that he thought an extensive rehab program would be a good idea.
- Alderman Wysocki stated that he is concerned about newer systems like Woodshire where they didn't have a problem until The Sanctuary was developed. He questioned if we have researched the system for problems.
- Alderman Patzer asked why we can't do the rehab program and still pay for cleanup.
- Alderman Bullermann asked that Jeff Chase put together a rehab program for the next meeting.
- Alderman Wysocki stated that the rehab program would raise the standard of service that we are providing.
- Jeff Chase asked if we would pay for repair for customers that have illegal connections.
- Tim Murphy stated that we need to address the problem of storm water management.
- Larry Wilms stated that much of the area that was affected was pre-1954 where the foundations drains could have been hooked up to the sanitary sewer lateral.
- Alderman Patzer stated that we need to look for grant money in all places, Waukesha County, the State of Wisconsin, and the Federal Government.
- Alderman Wysocki asked that the cleanup item be tabled until the next meeting.
- Mike Holzinger suggested that the people who paid out money for cleanup send us copies of the invoices as a claim. That way we have a record of the amount that was spent.
- Alderman Patzer questioned whether we could send people out to problem areas before there is flooding. Tom Krumpitsch stated that we need to make sure that the lift stations are running with generators when power goes out. We could also send a few people out to the problem areas.
- Tom Krumpitsch stated that the Engineering Department and the Utility Department are meeting to discuss the problems at Westward Manor.

ITEM 21-00 LSSSES Update

- Larry Wilms stated that we have finalized the basin areas. He informed us that they are about four weeks late of this project. This is the Limited Sewer Survey Study. A priority basin rehab program for the manholes. Basins 4, 5, 3, 7, and either 2 or 9 are complete.
- Alderman Wysocki asked when the manholes on Cleveland Ave. are going to be addressed. He requested an updated colored map with the sewer systems, what has been scoped out, and what has been rehabed and work done to be presented at the next meeting.
- Tim Murphy asked if the manhole rehab that is going on now is just manhole covers. Jeff Chase stated that there actually two contracts. Contract A is the manhole rehab that is rebuilding the manhole, the boots, and changing lids in a separate program. Contract B has other treatments, chemical grouting, and lining.

ITEM 20-00 KASCO Sanitary Sewer Oversizing Review

- Jeff Chase stated that KASCO has come in asking for oversizing for a portion of the sanitary sewer. When staff put the development agreement together, they did not include oversizing because the City built a large interceptor sewer along his westerly property line. Normally, the City would pay the oversizing costs and the developer would pay for the interceptor sewer. Staff recommendation is not to do the oversizing.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to the Common Council not to continue any type of agreement with the developer relative to the sanitary sewer oversizing request. Second by Alderman Bullermann. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. by Alderman Wysocki. Second by Alderman Patzer. Motion carried unanimously.