

# Minutes

## CITY OF NEW BERLIN SPECIAL UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MAY 12, 1999 8:00 A.M. - Engineering Conference Room**

Alderman Wysocki called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. (In the absence of Chairman Bullermann).

Members Present: Alderman Wysocki, Alderman Patzer, Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh, and Tim Murphy. Others Present: Larry Wilms, Utility Superintendent and City Clerk Bill Bowers

### **ITEM 1A-99 Approval of Minutes - April 29, 1999**

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the Utility Committee minutes of April 29, 1999. Second by Alderman Patzer. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ITEM 19-99 Sprinkling Ban**

Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh explains that this is here for clarification before going to the Common Council.

City Clerk Bill Bowers distributed Section 13.05 of the City Code book and proposed replacement language.

There was general discussion with regard to the sprinkling ban and how it should be worded.

Some topics discussed:

The City will need to follow the same rules/regulations that other municipalities do when we purchase water from other municipalities - (Example is West brooke area) (Wilms).

The Utility needs to have control during emergency situations - cannot have the verbiage include that the Utility Committee needs to approve or implement (Hashemizadeh).

The levels of offenses should be discussed with City Attorney (Bowers).

Explanation on when/why bans are necessary (Wilms).

Revenue brought in by the sprinkling ban should remain with the Utility as it is a separate entity (except for court costs) (Hashemizadeh).

It was the consensus that the ordinance/regulation should be that which would be in effect only in the cases where it is necessary (not a permanent ban). This may be changed at a later date if it is deemed necessary. The ordinance also should give the Utility the flexibility to implement bans when emergency situations exist. City Clerk Bill Bowers will draft the proposed ordinance at the request of the Utility Committee.

It was also the consensus that the policy should be revised to reflect the same information as the Code. Utility Superintendent Larry Wilms will revise accordingly.

Motion by Alderman Patzer to recommend to Common Council approval to repeal and recreate Section 13.05, Water Sprinkling Restrictions as follows:

13.05 Water Use Restrictions. The Utility Manager is authorized to create, implement and maintain regulations on the outdoor use of water provided by the New Berlin Water Utility as may be necessary to conserve the capacity and pressure of the water supply for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. These regulations may apply to, but are not limited to, the sprinkling of lawns, gardens, shrubs and trees; car washing; filling of swimming pools; bulk water purchases; installation of new lawns; may designate the days and/or hours when they may or may not be allowed; prohibition of such uses completely in periods of emergency; irrigation of crops, and for commercial car washes that recycle water. These regulations are subject to approval of the Utility Committee and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Second by Alderman Wysocki. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh to approve the policy with the revisions by Utility Superintendent Larry Wilms. Second by Alderman Patzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Patzer to adjourn. Second by Wysocki. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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