

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

August 19, 1999

Members Present: Alderman Bullermann (Chairman), Alderman Patzer, Alderman Wysocki, and Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh.

Members Absent: Tim Murphy

Others Present: Larry Wilms, Utility Superintendent and Mike Holzinger, City Treasurer

Alderman Bullermann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ITEM 1A-99 Approval of Minutes (July 6, 1999 and July 23, 1999)

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes of July 6, 1999. Second by Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes of July 23, 1999. Second by Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 33-99 Buena Park Manhole Rehabilitation Award of Contract

- MJ construction was the low bidder in the amount of \$216,190. The total project cost would be \$272,800.
- Bid was below the engineering estimate.
- Bids were based on specifications and an inspector will be on site.

Motion by Alderman Patzer to recommend to Common Council award of construction contract for Buena Park Manhole and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, #99-03-831.04, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, M.J. Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$216,190 and a total project cost in the amount of \$272,800, with funds coming from Waste Water Account No. 831.04. Second by Alderman Wysocki. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 34-99 MMSD Capital Charges Ad Hoc Committee Findings and Recommendations

Minutes from the MMSD Capital Charges Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of July 22, 1999 were distributed.

- The Ad Hoc Committee consensus was to consider a survey to obtain information from residents on how the residents feel about being billed based on property value rather than usage.
- Alderman Wysocki is opposed to billing based on property value.
- City of Milwaukee is going to a usage basis rather than property value.
- Alderman Patzer does not support going to a property value charge.
- This is only for capital charges - operating and maintenance would still be billed quarterly.
- Hire a marketing firm to develop survey to ensure the wording is neutral.
- Once survey is developed - bring back to Utility Committee and invite the Ad Hoc Committee to the meeting so they can participate in the decision.
- Alderman Bullermann to be included in a meeting with a marketing firm.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to direct staff to hire a marketing firm to develop a survey for residents, with a not to exceed amount of \$5,000, with funds to come from the Utility operating budget. Second by Alderman Bullermann. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 35-99 Utility Budgets

WATER UTILITY OPERATING

- Increase is minimal with many items that have been reduced.
- General discussion on Tax Equivalent Payment Account No. 408.14. There was discussion as to whether this should be capped.
- Auditor has noted that rates should be examined.
- Account No. 923.42 should be increased to \$100,000 to provide funds if and when we determine that an engineering study is necessary for the Milwaukee water project.

WATER UTILITY CIP

- Replacement schedule - smaller equipment 10 years, bigger equipment 12 years, large equipment 15 years.
- General discussion with regard to natural gas vehicles and problems associated with them.
- SCADA upgrade (report to go to Committee members) moved ahead one year.
- Business Office Addition - necessary for storage of files.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to increase Account No. 923.42 by \$61,000 to reflect a total of \$100,000. Second by Alderman Patzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to Common Council to adopt the 2000 Water Utility Operating budget as amended (932.42 increased to \$100,000). Second by Alderman Bullermann. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to Common Council to adopt the 2000 Water Utility CIP budget as proposed. Second by Alderman Bullermann. Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE WATER OPERATING

- Proposed field staff position which would be a lead operator position and would be responsible for much record keeping with regard to regulations.
- Auditor has noted that rates should be examined.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to Common Council to adopt the proposed 2000 Waste Water Operating budget. Second by Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh. Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE WATER CIP

- County trunk radio system at this time - status unsure.
- Janesville Road sanitary sewer extension design - explanation of location.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend to Common Council to adopt the proposed 2000 Waste Water CIP budget. Second by Alderman Bullermann. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderman Patzer to adjourn. Second by Director of Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.