



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 - Natalia Taft, John Tate II, Paul Vornholt, Mollie Jones and Terry McCarthy

EXCUSED: 2 - Stacy Sheppard and Cory Mason

0201-24

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the February 19, 2024, Waterworks Commission Meeting

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder Jones, that this file be Approved

0202-24

Subject: Request from Racine Fire Department to Enter into an Authorization Agreement for Public Safety Services Antenna Installation on the Louis Sorenson Road Water Tower

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility has decommissioned the Regency Mall Water Tank upon elimination of the 862 pressure zone. Public safety communication equipment located at this Mall Tank site would be transferred to the Utility Louis Sorenson Road Water Tower on a rent-free basis pending agreement approval by the City Attorney. The City Attorney recommends and will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding to serve as the agreement mechanism between the parties.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Approved pending review by the City Attorney's office.

0203-24

Subject: Proposal from AECOM for Consulting Services Agreement for 2024 Leak Detection Survey

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Cost of the proposal is \$39,340.00.

The Water Utility Director presented a proposal from AECOM to perform leak detection

on approximately 20% of system infrastructure (i.e. mains, valves, and hydrants) in 2024.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder Jones, that this file be Approved

[0217-24](#)

Subject: Proposal from Carlson Dettmann Consulting for Water Utility Market Rate Study

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Cost of the Water Utility share of the proposal is \$9,250.00

The Water Utility Director presented a proposal for Carlson Dettmann Consulting to perform a market survey to align the Utility pay scale with the current utility market rates. Any modifications will be proposed to be included in the 2025 budget.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Jones, that this file be Approved

[0204-24](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract W-24-2, 2024 Pavement Restoration

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The lowest responsible bid is from Conventional Concrete Systems at \$401,425.00.

The Water Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Water Utility.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alternate Vornholt, that this file be Approved

[0213-24](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract W-24-3, Hamilton Avenue Water Main Replacement

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The lowest responsible bid is from Earth X at \$1,284,475.00.

The Water Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Water Utility.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Approved

[0218-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy Requesting Approval of a Resolution Regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Costs Attributed to 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 03/19/2024:

To Approve with a Referral to the Finance & Personnel Committee

Fiscal Note: The aggregate principal amount of debt for the project is expected not to exceed \$5,000,000 with the balance reduced by eligible Principal Forgiveness earned. Funding for the Project to be financed through the FY 2025 WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

The Water Utility Director presented a Resolution that would provide that all costs related to the Project that occur prior to finalization of the loan are rolled into the loan total for reimbursement of Utility funds. This loan would cover both public and private side planned lead service line replacement by the Utility.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Approved & Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee

[0220-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, on behalf of the Racine Waterworks Utility Director, requesting approval of a resolution regarding declaration of official intent to reimburse costs attributed to the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-08-2024:: That the Racine Waterworks Utility Director be granted approval for a resolution regarding declaration of official intent to reimburse costs attributed to the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project.

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 03/19/2024:

To approve with a referral to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Fiscal Note: The aggregate principal amount of debt for the project is expected not to exceed \$4,500,000 with the balance reduced by eligible Principal Forgiveness earned. Funding for the Project to be financed through the FY 2025 WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

The Water Utility Director presented a Resolution that would provide that all costs related to the Project that occur prior to finalization of the loan are rolled in the project loan total for reimbursement of Utility funds.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder Jones, that this file be Approved & Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee

[0221-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy Requesting Approval of a Resolution Regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Costs Attributed to the 42" Phase 4 Water Main Replacement Project

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 03/19/2024:

To Approve with a Referral to the Finance & Personnel Committee

Fiscal Note: The aggregate principal amount of debt for the project is expected not to exceed \$5,000,000 with the balance reduced by eligible Principal Forgiveness earned. Funding for the Project to be financed through the FY 2025 WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

The Water Utility Director presented a Resolution that would provide that all costs related to the Project that occur prior to finalization of the loan are rolled in the project loan total for reimbursement of Utility funds.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Approved and Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee

[0222-24](#)

Subject: Discussion Regarding the Village of Mount Pleasant TID#7 Water Main Extension Development Project (V. Mount Pleasant, developer)

Fiscal Note: N/A

Public Works Director/Village Engineer, Anthony Beyer, along with Community Development Director, Sam Schultz, addressed the Commission on behalf of the Village of Mt. Pleasant regarding a proposed water main installation (on CTH C at CTH V westward to the East Frontage Rd., and south down to Hwy 20) to serve the TID #7 development project. This was a preliminary discussion and update preceding a formal Developer's Agreement to be considered at a later date.

A motion was made by Vice President Taft, seconded by Alternate Vornholt, that this file be Received and Filed

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.