



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes

Wastewater Commission

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Kathy DeMatthew, John Rote, John Hewitt
Brian Anderson, Mike Andreasen, Daryl Lynaugh*

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room #227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Bunker, K. Haas, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, M. Klimek, N. Erlandson, A. Lesnjak, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, R. Pace

PRESENT: Roberto Garza, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew, John Hewitt, Michael Staeck, Ronald D. Hart, Thomas Friedel, Brian Anderson and Daryl Lynaugh

EXCUSED: Robert Pucely, Richard Anderson, John Rote, Gary Becker, Mike Andreasen and Robert Lui

2. Approval of Minutes for the August 2006 Meeting

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on August 29, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [06-2540](#)

Subject: Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on September 6, 2006

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on September 6, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [06-2541](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for the month of August 2006 totaling \$1,153,599.00

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to approve the budget expenditures for August 2006 totaling \$1,153,599.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

5. [06-2542](#)

Subject: Introduction of new Commissioner and Alternate

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager introduced the new Commissioner, Kathleen DeMatthew, replacing William Pugh. He also noted that the Mayor appointed Roberto Garza as an alternate.

Received and Filed

6. [06-2543](#) **Subject:** Sewer Extension request from Nielsen, Madsen & Barber, S.C. for the Whispering Pines subdivision in the Village of Caledonia

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that the Chief Engineer reviewed the plans for a proposed sewer extension for Whispering Pines subdivision and recommended approval.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the sewer extension request from Nielsen, Madsen & Barber, S.C. for the Whispering Pines subdivision in the Village of Caledonia. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

7. [06-2544](#) **Subject:** Household Hazardous Waste Update

Recommendation: Receive and File

The Chief of Operations noted that the household hazardous waste collection event held on September 16 was a success. He noted that there were a few people that had to be turned away because they were not Racine residents. He stated that the next waste collection event is scheduled for October 21, 2006.

Received and Filed

8. [06-2545](#) **Subject:** Request to fill the position of Belt Filter Press Operator due to a retirement

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations requested to fill the position of Belt Filter Press Operator due to a retirement at the end of the year. The Utility would like to fill the position as soon as possible so that person can be trained before the current operator retires.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to approve the request to fill the position of Belt Filter Press Operator and any subsequent positions that may occur as a result. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

9. [06-2546](#) **Subject:** Expenditure Reduction Analysis - Gravity Belt Thickening

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager updated the Commission on expenditure reduction analysis with regard to gravity belt thickening. He explained that by using the gravity belt thickening method versus the co-thickening method, the Wastewater Utility is saving \$50,000.00 per year.

Received and Filed

10. [06-2547](#) **Subject:** Submittal of the report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Wastewater Commission regarding year 2007 Wastewater Utility Operation & Maintenance Budget and the 2007-2011 Capital Improvements Budget recommending adoption

Recommendation: To adopt. Refer to the Finance & Personnel Committee for approval.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to adopt the 2007 Wastewater Utility Operation & Maintenance budget and the 2007-2011 Capital Improvements budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended For Adoption

11. [06-2550](#) **Subject:** Submittal of 2007 Sewer Service Rates

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted the proposed Wastewater Utility residential Class I and industrial Class II rates for 2007 and recommended approval. He stated that there is a 3-5% increase over last year's rates. The new rates are on file in the office of the Racine Wastewater Utility.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the proposed 2007 Wastewater Utility rates for residential and industrial customers. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

12. [06-2549](#) **Subject:** American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2006 Achievement Award for Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Recommendation: Receive and File

The Chief of Operations noted that the Racine Wastewater Utility won an Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for 2006 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion project. He also noted that Earth Tech nominated the Utility for this award, and that there was an article featured in the American City and County magazine.

Received and Filed

13. [06-2548](#) **Subject:** Thanks to John Rote for years of service as Commissioner

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager noted that because John Rote could not be present, this item will be taken up at the October meeting.

Deferred

14. **Adjournment**

There being no other business, Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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