



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President Robert Lui, Vice President Brian Anderson, Secretary Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor Gary Becker, Alderman Thomas Friedel, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, Jeff Pellegrum, Mike Andreasen, Daryl Lynaugh, John Hewitt, John Engel, James Chaplin*

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Tuesday, August 26, 2008

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

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### 1. Roll Call

*OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Pace, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, J. Jordan, M. Klimek, N. Erlandson, R. Messing*

**PRESENT:** 10 - Thomas Friedel, Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew, James Chaplin, John Hewitt, Gary Becker, Brian Anderson and Robert Lui

**EXCUSED:** 5 - John Engel, Robert Pucely, Jeff Pellegrum, Mike Andreasen and Daryl Lynaugh

### 2. Approval of Minutes for the July 2008 Meeting

*Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on Tuesday, July 29, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

### 3. [08-2559](#)

**Subject:** Budget Expenditures for July 2008 Totaling \$1,146,292.37

**Recommendation:** Approve

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the budget expenditures for July 2008 totaling \$1,146,292.37. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

### 4. [08-2560](#)

**Subject:** Project Reports

A) Status of Virginia Street & Michigan Boulevard Projects - M. Gitter  
B) Update on Phosphorous - K. Haas

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Project reports were given by staff.*

**Received and Filed**

### 5. [08-2174](#)

**Subject:** Presentation of the 2007 Audit from Clifton-Gunderson - Rene Messing invited to the meeting

**Recommendation:** (Direct Referral) Recommendation of the

Wastewater Commission on August 26, 2008: Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for adoption

*Renee Messing of Clifton-Gunderson explained the 2007 Audit to the Commission. She also presented and reviewed a management letter summarizing their findings.*

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the Wastewater Utility Financial Statement from December 31, 2007 and 2006. Furthermore, refer it to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Adoption**

6. [08-2579](#)

**Subject:** Use of Wastewater Utility Interceptor by Caledonia during Repair of Caledonia East Forcemain

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*The General Manager explained that Caledonia will be repairing a forcemain between Kewaunee and Dodge Streets due to a deterioration in the Caledonia-owned pipeline. He expressed his concerns that the additional sewage being transported into the already-taxed Utility interceptor could lead to basement backups in the Racine community as a result of additional flow being sent down the interceptor. Commissioner Lui of Caledonia mentioned that use of the Utility interceptor would be used on a limited basis, usually for one-day periods of time. It was also discussed that the Utility and Caledonia would work in a cooperative manner to make this work. A hold harmless agreement between the Village of Caledonia, City of Racine, and the Wastewater Utility was discussed by the General Manager. The Commission did not pursue or require such an agreement and, in the end, directed the General Manager to make decisions as to when Caledonia would be allowed to divert flow into the Utility interceptor.*

**Received and Filed**

7. [08-2561](#)

**Subject:** Submission of the 2009 Proposed Operation & Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*The General Manager distributed the 2009 Proposed Budget. He noted that there was an overall increase of approximately 3.8% on the Operation and Maintenance budget. He mentioned that there is an increase in natural gas, electric, interceptor maintenance, and operational chemicals. He also noted that there is a decrease in sludge and grit disposal. He asked that the Commissioners review the proposed budget and call him if they have any questions. He noted that a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008, to review the proposed budget.*

**Received and Filed**

8. [08-2580](#)

**Subject:** Discussion of Election of Officers for 2008-2009

**Recommendation:** Defer

*Discussion was held with regard to the election of officers for 2008-2009. The General Manager stated that he will draft a proposed slate of officers and present it at the September 2008 Commission meeting.*

**Deferred**

## 9. Other Business

*A) The General Manager informed the Commission that there was a bypass near Luedtke Court and Domanik Dr. this past month. He stated that the Utility discovered a hole in the forcemain at Lift Station No. 2. He noted that this has been repaired and that the Department of Natural Resources has been notified. He also noted that Clark Dietz is preparing plans to replace the forcemain.*

## 10. Adjournment

*There being no further business, Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

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