



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Wastewater Commission

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Secretary Brian Anderson, Mayor Gary Becker
Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Roberto Garza
Robert Pucely, Richard Anderson, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew
Jeff Pellegrom, Mike Andreasen, Daryl Lynaugh, John Hewitt*

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, N. Sanders, K. Scolaro, N. Erlandson, R. Gilbreath, R. Pace, A. Wheeler, K. Wanggaard, J. Jordan, J. Burdick, L. Salo

PRESENT: 12 - Thomas Friedel, Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Roberto Garza, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrom, John Hewitt, Gary Becker, Daryl Lynaugh and Robert Lui

EXCUSED: 3 - Richard Anderson, Brian Anderson and Mike Andreasen

2. Approval of Minutes for the May 2007 Meeting

Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on May 29, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [07-0770](#)

Subject: Budget expenditures for May 2007 totaling \$1,043,984.26

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the budget expenditures for May 2007 totaling \$1,043,984.26. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [07-0771](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A. Grove Ave. Storage Basin - Mike Gitter
- B. June Meeting with DNR - Keith Haas

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [07-0783](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager of the Wastewater Utility presenting the 2006 audit from Clifton-Gunderson

Recommendation: (Direct Referral) Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on June 26, 2007: Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for adoption

Fiscal Note: N/A

The General Manager introduced James Burdick from Clifton-Gunderson. He explained the "Auditor's Responsibility Under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards". It was also suggested that the General Manager review and approve the journal entries made by the Administrative Manager. In summary, he stated that the financial statements present fair, in all material respects, the financial position of the Racine Wastewater Utility as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Commissioner Pellegroni made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staech, to approve the Wastewater Utility Financial Statement from December 31, 2006 and 2005. Furthermore, refer it to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended For Adoption

6. [07-0772](#)

Subject: Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2006

Recommendation: Approve

The Wastewater Plant Superintendent submitted the 2006 Annual Report for the Wastewater Utility. He noted that the Utility received a Grade of "A" in all categories except one. We had 3 bypasses last year. In the category of "Collection Systems, the Utility received a Grade "D". As a result, the Department of Natural Resources requires the Utility to come up with a plan of action to eliminate safety site overflows in the collection system. Therefore, a Compliance Maintenance Resolution has been created for the Department of Natural Resources indicating the Utility's action response plan and implementation schedule.

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pucely, to approve the Compliance Maintenance Resolution for 2006 for submittal to the Department of Natural Resources. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

Approved

7. [07-0789](#)

Subject: Wastewater Utility Annual Report

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager submitted the 2006 Annual Report for the Wastewater Utility. He noted that the WPDES permit is up for renewal next year which may include a limit on ammonia levels, which he made note on the ammonia graph in the report that the Utility shouldn't have a problem with this. He mentioned that the cost of natural gas has gone from \$171,159.00 in 2001 to \$305,599.00 in 2006. He also mentioned that the cost of electricity has gone up from \$210,375.00 in 2001 to \$489,939.00 in 2006, and should expect an increase of 7.5% for 2008 and 2009. He also pointed out that the pretreatment program has been successful in that violations are down as compared to previous years.

Received and Filed

[07-0862](#)**Subject:** Ordinance No. 13-07

To create Sec. 98-157 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Utilities; Amalgam Management at Dental Offices.

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on June 26, 2007:

Refer to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee and the Public Works and Services Committee

Fiscal Note: N/A

The General Manager mentioned that the Utility is working with dental offices that deposit mercury (amalgam) into the collection system. An ordinance has been created with guidelines for disposal of amalgam. The General Manager noted that the Utility has had good responses from most dental offices. He recommended that this item be referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee and the Public Works and Services Committee for further consideration.

Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lui, to approve Ordinance No. 13-07 with regard to amalgam management at dental offices. Furthermore, that this item be referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee and the Public Works and Services Committee.

Recommended For Adoption

9. Other Business

Commissioner Staeck asked about the stolen manhole cover, referring to an article in the Journal Times. The General Manager noted that local scrap dealers have been notified not to accept manhole covers.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pucely, to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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