



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Waterworks Commission

James Spangenberg
Secretary James Morgenroth
Vice President Terry McCarthy
City Administrator James Palenick
President Kathy DeMatthew
Thomas Bunker
Ralph Schwarz
Mayor Cory Mason

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 227

Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, M. Kosterman, A. Wheeler, M. Wurster, W. Mielke, A. Bunkelman, M. Carr, C. Regalia, J. Hewitt, M. Klimek, J. Mandala, B. Viegut, B. Schimian, R. Schroedel, T. Karkow, R. Gilbreath, M. Osterman, R. Sanford, S Lesk

PRESENT: 5 - James Spangenberg, James Morgenroth, James Palenick, Kathy DeMatthew and Thomas Bunker

EXCUSED: 3 - Terry McCarthy, Ralph Schwarz and Cory Mason

Approval of Minutes for the October 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Secretary Morgenroth, seconded by Spangenberg, that this file be to Approve the Minutes

[1105-17](#)

Subject: Approval of the Special Minutes of the Waterworks and Wastewater Commission Finance Committees for the November 8, 2017 meeting

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by City Administrator Palenick, that this file be Approved

[1106-17](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for October 2017 totaling \$2,021,864.59

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Spangenberg, seconded by Secretary Morgenroth, that this file be Approved

[1107-17](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

A) December 2017 Commission Meeting - December 19

B) Highway V Update

- C) City Budget Update
- D) Perry Avenue Roof Study
- E) Lake Michigan Diversion Application Update
- F) Water Main Construction Update
- G) 2017 Delinquent Tax Roll

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

[1133-17](#)

Subject: Proposal from CDM Smith, Inc. to evaluate Low Lift VFD's and recommendations for replacement

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that there was a lightning strike at a WE Energies substation that effected the operation of the low lift Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's). He explained that the VFD's are no longer supported by the manufacturer and requested the services of CDM Smith, Inc. to evaluate the VFD's and provide recommendations for replacement. He noted that their proposal is in the amount not to exceed \$38,749.00 and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Secretary Morgenroth, that this file be Approved

[1134-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager presenting a bond refinancing opportunity developed by R. W. Baird

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 11/28/17:

Approve

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fiscal Note: The Waterworks Commission hopes to save between \$75,000 and \$300,000 on refinancing bonds from 2009 and 2011.

The General Manager introduced Brad Viegut from R.W. Baird who explained a bond refinancing opportunity that could potentially save the Water Utility \$300,000. City Administrator Palenick suggested that as long as there would be a net savings of \$70,000, the Water Utility should go ahead with the refinancing.

A motion was made by City Administrator Palenick, seconded by Secretary Morgenroth, that this file be Recommended For Approval

CLOSED SESSION

Spangenberg made a motion, seconded by Secretary Morgenroth, to move the meeting into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

It is the intent that the Waterworks Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate regarding the investment of public funds regarding a competitive solicitation for potential economic development opportunities and strategies in pursuing the same. It is the intent that open session will follow closed session.

[1135-17](#)

Subject: Discussion with the General Manager on future infrastructure needs to support growth-related development

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held with regard to future infrastructure needs to support growth-related development.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

[1131-17](#)

Subject: Request from Yorkville to be a partner in the Lake Michigan Diversion Application

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a communication from the Town of Yorkville requesting to become a partner in the Lake Michigan Diversion Application.

A motion was made by Secretary Morgenroth, seconded by City Administrator Palenick, that this file be Approved

[1132-17](#)

Subject: Request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Yorkville for water supply and authorize the Waterworks Commission President to sign the agreement

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 11/28/17: To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Yorkville for water supply and authorize the Waterworks Commission President to sign the agreement

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL

Fiscal Note: The Town of Yorkville will be responsible for all costs incurred relating to the diversion application, water supply and wastewater expenses.

The General Manager requested authorization for the Waterworks Commission President and the General Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Yorkville for water supply.

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Secretary Morgenroth, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[1138-17](#)

Subject: Submittal of the amended Year 2018 Water Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget and the amended 2018-2022 Capital Improvements Budget Recommending Adoption

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 11/28/17: To adopt

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fiscal Note: Funds to support the 2018 O&M budget and 2018 CIP will come from PSC approved water rates and the Mt. Pleasant TID

A motion was made by Spangenberg, seconded by Bunker, that this file be Recommended For Approval

Adjournment

There being no further business, Secretary Morgenroth made a motion, seconded by Bunker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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