



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Waterworks Commission

Alderman James Morgenroth
President James Spangenberg
Vice President Kathy DeMatthew
Secretary Terry McCarthy
Thomas Bunker
Ralph Schwarz
James Palenick
Mayor Dennis Wiser

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 227

Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Lui, R. Gilbreath, M. Kosterman, C. Adamczyk, A. Wheeler, M. Wurster, W. Mielke, J. Mandala, J. Carr, A. Bunkelman, N. Erlandson, C. Regalia, S. Lohnhardt

PRESENT: 6 - James Morgenroth, James Spangenberg, Kathy DeMatthew, Thomas Bunker, Ralph Schwarz and Dennis Wiser

EXCUSED: 2 - Terry McCarthy and James Palenick

Approval of Minutes for the August 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Mayor Wiser, that this file be to Approve the Minutes

[938-17](#)

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on September 6, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Bunker, that this file be Approved

[939-17](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for August 2017 totaling \$1,560,469.78

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Alderman Morgenroth, seconded by Schwarz, that this file be Approved

[940-17](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) New Meter Department Employee
- B) WI AWWA Annual Meeting
- C) Imperial Laundry Update

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

[961-17](#)

Subject: Bid Opening on Contract W-17-8 - 2017 Water Main Replacement - Grange Ave.

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted the bid results on Contract W-17-8 in the amount of \$237,016.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc.

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Vice President DeMatthew, that this file be Approved

[952-17](#)

Subject: Approval of Hwy. V Water Main project and authorization of final payment to Mt. Pleasant for water main expenses

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that Dorner, the contractor for this project, has completed the Highway V water main project and recommended that the work be accepted and final payment be authorized to Mt. Pleasant. The total contract amount is \$2,000,043.43.

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Bunker, that this file be Approved

[953-17](#)

Subject: Approval of the General Manager to invoice the Village of Mt. Pleasant for front foot charges associated with the Hwy. V Water Main project in accordance with the retail water agreement

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager explained that the Village of Caledonia originally requested the Highway V project and paid for the front foot charges. He noted that the Village of Mt. Pleasant owes approximately \$1.3 million back to the Racine Water Utility for front foot charges who, in turn, will pay the Village of Caledonia back in accordance with the retail water agreement.

A motion was made by Mayor Wisner, seconded by Vice President DeMatthew, that this file be Approved

[950-17](#)

Subject: Water Main Extension Agreement for Hidden Creek Condominiums

Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on 9/26/17: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into this agreement to facilitate this project with Hidden Creek Condominiums

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

Fiscal Note: The Racine Water Utility will be paying for the water main extension - Estimated cost is \$50,000

The General Manager noted that the water main extension project agreement for the Hidden Creek Condominiums is complete. Completion of this small extension will provide two areas with backup water supply if a main break occurs. He stated that the estimated cost of this project is between \$50,000-60,000 and recommended that this project be approved.

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

[951-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief Engineer submitting a proposal for random selection of private lead service lateral replacements

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager explained that the Utility had replaced approximately 3,000 partial lead services in the public right of way in the past 20 years. The Utility recently received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the amount of \$1.3 million to replace private lead service laterals. Some of those funds will be used to facilitate full lead service lateral replacements associated with water main replacement projects in 2018. The remainder of the grant money can be used for locations where previous partial replacements have been performed. It is anticipated that about 300 of those 3,000 locations could be funded. The Commission recommended that the following priorities be used in allocating the funds: 1) Schools and Daycares that have partial lead service lines should be given a priority; 2) Homes where high lead levels exist (as documented by the health department) should be given second priority; 3) Remaining private property residential homes shall be selected via a random number generator to select as many as 300 locations of the 3,000 partial locations.

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

[954-17](#)

Subject: Proposal from Boardman & Clark LLP to aid in the Lake Michigan diversion application

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a proposal from Boardman Clark to aid in the Lake Michigan diversion application. He stated that the Utility would be working with Attorney Lawrie Kobza from Boardman Clark whom the Utility has worked with before and is well respected. The General Manager noted that the proposal from Boardman Clark is in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Alderman Morgenroth, seconded by Vice President DeMatthew, that this file be Approved

CLOSED SESSION

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.

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Mayor Wiser, to move the meeting into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

[962-17](#)

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.

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Vice President DeMatthew, that this file be Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

Vice President DeMatthew made a motion, seconded by Mayor Wiser, to move the meeting into Open Session at 5:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

[941-17](#)

Subject: Submittal of the Report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Waterworks Commission regarding Year 2018 Water Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2018-2022 Capital Improvements Budget Recommending Adoption

Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on 9/26/17: To adopt

FURTHER RECOMMEND, THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Mayor Wiser, that the Operations and Maintenance Budget be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Morgenroth, that the Capital Improvements Program Budget be Recommended for Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[942-17](#)

Subject: Election of Officers

Recommendation: Approve all officers as noted

A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Mayor Wiser, to elect the following slate of officers for the Board of Racine Waterworks Commission as proposed:

President: Kathleen DeMatthew
Vice-President: Alderman Terry McCarthy
Secretary: Alderman James Morgenroth

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bunker made a motion, seconded by Morgenroth, to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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