



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President Ronald Hart, Vice President Thomas Bunker,
Secretary James Morgenroth,
Mayor John Dickert,
Thomas Friedel, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz, James T.
Spangenberg*

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Pace, A. Lesnjak, M. Kosterman, J. Mandala, C. Wright, R. Lui, J. Hewitt, M. Carr, A. Wheeler, C. Regalia, A. Beyer, H. Stacey, K. Wanggaard, T. Schmidt, T. McCarthy

PRESENT: 6 - John Dickert, Thomas Bunker, Ronald D. Hart, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz and James T. Spangenberg

EXCUSED: 2 - Thomas Friedel and James Morgenroth

2. Approval of Minutes for the July 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor John Dickert, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-10477](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for July 2014 Totaling \$1,784,263.67

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Mayor John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-10478](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Water Rate Order Issued
- B) Update on Water Main Construction Projects
- C) Budget Hearing - September 3, 2014
- D) Town of Yorkville - Well Pump Project
- E) SEWRPC Meeting Held July 31, 2014 - "A Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed"

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [14-10488](#)

Subject: Policy Decision on Raising Employee Share of Medical Expense Premium from 7.5% to 10%

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager noted that the City plans to raise the health care premium for City employees from a 7.5% employee share to a 10% employee share beginning in 2015. He explained that in exchange for the employee share increase, everyone would get free dental care. He noted that the Utility can choose to go with the City plan or choose a different option. After further discussion, it was decided that this item should be referred to the Finance Committee of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Mayor John Dickert, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [14-10489](#)

Subject: General Manager Request to Reallocate Funds in the 2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Purchase of a Backhoe

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 8/26/14: To approve purchase of a 2014 backhoe and transfer funds from "Dodge and Chatham Transmission pit - \$75,000" and "VFD's High Lift Pump Upgrade - \$28,000" to "Backhoe - \$103,000"

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

Fiscal Note: Funds will be provided from Water Utility Reserves

The General Manager noted that the Utility is in need of a new backhoe. He explained that one option is to purchase a new 2014 backhoe at an estimated price of \$102,100.00 or purchase a 2015 model for an estimated cost of \$110,700.00. He recommended the purchase of a 2014 backhoe because the attachments the Utility currently has would not be compatible with a 2015 model and it would require the purchase of additional conversion hardware in order to be able to use the current attachments. Also, a 2015 model would require additional maintenance. He requested that formal bidding be waived as it is in the best interest of the Utility to purchase a 2014 model. He proposed transferring \$75,000.00 from the Utility's "Dodge and Chatham Transmission Pit" fund and \$28,000.00 from the "VFD's High Lift Pump Upgrade" fund for a total of \$103,000.00 transfer to the "Backhoe" fund. He further recommended that this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Mayor John Dickert, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [14-10490](#)

Subject: Submission of the 2015 Proposed Operations and Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager distributed the 2015 proposed budget and noted that this is for informational purposes only. He summarized the budget highlights. He stated that a special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners is scheduled for September 3, 2014, at the Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Mayor John Dickert, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice President Thomas Bunker made a motion, seconded by Mayor John Dickert, to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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