



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

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Pace, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, S. Cryer, R. Messing, K. Rivett

PRESENT: 10 - John Engel, Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew, John Hewitt, Gary Becker, Brian Anderson and Robert Lui

EXCUSED: 5 - Thomas Friedel, Jeff Pellegrum, James Chaplin, Mike Andreasen and Daryl Lynaugh

2. Approval of Minutes for the June 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [08-2462](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for June 2008 totaling \$1,257,746.36

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the budget expenditures for June 2008 totaling \$1,257,746.36. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [08-2463](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A) Update on Case-New Holland Property Discussions - K. Haas
- B) Status of Virginia Street & Michigan Boulevard Projects - M. Gitter
- C) HHW Grant
- D) Update on Phosphorous
- E) Update on Renewable Energy

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [08-2464](#)

Subject: Request from C. J. Engineering for a Sanitary Sewer

Extension for Woodland Pointe Condominiums in the City of Racine**Recommendation: Approve**

The General Manager noted that the Chief Engineer has reviewed the plans for a sanitary sewer extension for Woodland Pointe Condominiums and recommended approval.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the request from C. J. Engineering for a sanitary sewer extension for Woodland Pointe Condominiums in the City of Racine. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved6. [08-2174](#)

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

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager introduced Renee Messing from Clifton-Gunderson. She explained that as a cost savings, they incorporated the Water and Wastewater Utilities financial statements into one report. In summary, she stated that the financial statements present fair, in all material respects, the financial position of the Racine Wastewater Utility as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. It was also stated that a Management letter will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to defer this item until the August 2008 meeting until a Management letter is received from Clifton-Gunderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred7. [08-2465](#)

Subject: Final Payment on Contract A-07, Grove Avenue Storage Basin, C. D. Smith Construction Company (contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted final pay request on Contract A-07. He recommended that the work performed by C. D. Smith Construction Company be accepted and final payment be authorized.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to accept the work and approve final payment on Contract A-07, Grove Avenue Storage Basin, C. D. Smith Construction Company (contractor), for a total contract amount of \$2,855,676.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved8. [08-2487](#)

Subject: Chemical Bids Received by the Wastewater Utility

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager informed Commissioners that recent chemical bids were obtained by staff. He noted that, in some cases, prices have doubled. He said it

appears that ferric chloride prices will increase by 25% in 2009 and that upcoming budgets will reflect these anticipated price increases.

Received and Filed

9. [08-2486](#)

Subject: Proposal from Earth Tech for 2008 Root River Interceptor Investigation, FEMA Sewer CCTV and Manhole Investigation

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager presented a proposal from Earth Tech relating to work that is necessary as a result of the record flooding in June 2008 on Root River. The work involves manhole inspection, preparation of bidding documents, inspection oversight, review of video files generated as a result of the inspection, and a final project report. This work is eligible for FEMA grant reimbursement.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to recommend entering into an agreement with Earth Tech in the amount not to exceed \$36,065.00 for services described above. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

10. Other Business

A) The General Manager informed the Commission that the Wastewater Utility would be utilizing the services of Davis & Kuelthau, S.C. to aide them in negotiations for the upcoming labor contract with Local 2807.

B) The General Manager reminded Commissioners to contact Nancy Sanders if they are interested in attending WEFTEC 2008 in Chicago.

C) The General Manager noted that there would be a "true-up" for Wastewater rates for 2009. He said that the Wastewater Utility expended less money in 2007 than budgeted, which will offset budget increases in the 2009 rate calculations.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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