



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes

Waterworks Commission

City Hall
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*Brian Anderson, William Pugh,
President Ronald D. Hart, Mayor Gary Becker,
Secretary Thomas Friedel, Vice President Michael Staeck,
John Rote*

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room #227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Bunker, K. Haas, K. Scolaro, A. Lesnjak, N. Sanders, R. King, R. Gilbreath, M. Kosterman, R. Christensen, J. Jordan, J. Carr, T. Ramos, C. Regalia, A. Wheeler, R. Pace, D. Oparka, C. Schweitzer, K. Wanggaard, D. Wright, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Kunz (Earth Tech)

PRESENT: Brian Anderson, William Pugh, Ronald D. Hart, Thomas Friedel, Michael Staeck and John Rote

EXCUSED: Gary Becker

2. Approval of Minutes for the April 2006 Meeting

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on May 30, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Waterworks Utility Finance Committee for the March 2006 Meeting

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rote, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Waterworks Utility Finance Committee held on March 28, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

4. [06-2000](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for April 2006 totaling \$1,163,264.28

Recommendation: Commissioner Pugh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the budget expenditures for April 2006 totaling \$1,163,264.28.

Commissioner Pugh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the budget expenditures for April 2006 totaling \$1,163,264.28. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

5. [06-1898](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A. Membrane Project - Keith Haas, Chief of Operations
- B. Durand Avenue Water Main - Chad Regalia, Staff Engineer

- C. Spring Street Water Main - Chad Regalia, Staff Engineer
- D. Newman Road Booster Station - Keith Haas, Chief of Operations
- E. Newman Road Stand Pipe - Keith Haas, Chief of Operations
- F. State Highway 32/KR/Highway 11 - Dean Oparka, Staff Engineer

Project reports were given by staff.

6. [06-1996](#) **Subject:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-05-2, 2005 Pavement Restoration, A. W. Oakes & Sons Construction Company (contractor)

Recommendation: Commissioner Rote made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-05-2, 2005 Pavement Restoration, A.W. Oakes & Sons Construction Company (contractor), increasing the total contract amount to \$373,150.00.

The Chief of Operations submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-05-2 in the amount of \$30,840.00 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Rote made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-05-2, 2005 Pavement Restoration, A.W. Oakes & Sons Construction Company (contractor), increasing the total contract amount to \$373,150.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

7. [06-1971](#) **Subject:** Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-05-8, Newman Road Booster Station, Riley Construction (contractor)

Recommendation: Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to defer this item being Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-05-8, Newman Road Booster Station, Riley Construction (contractor), until a later date.

The Chief of Operations asked that this item be deferred.

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to defer this item being Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-05-8, Newman Road Booster Station, Riley Construction (contractor), until a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred

8. [06-1988](#) **Subject:** The claim of Hardy & Jensen Properties LLC, 1621 Indiana Street

Recommendation: Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve payment to the claimant in the amount of \$6,677.24 for repairs to a sewer lateral at 1621 Indiana Street that was allegedly damaged as a result of a water main leak.

The General Manager mentioned that he received a memo from the City Attorney on the claim of Hardy and Jensen Property LLC. The City Attorney explained the details of the claim and recommended settlement of 50% of the request. The General Manager recommended approval of settlement for 50% of the claimant's request.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve payment to the claimant in the amount of \$6,677.24 for repairs to a sewer lateral at 1621 Indiana Street that was allegedly damaged as a result of a water main leak. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

9. [06-1830](#)

Subject: Communication from Robert Robinson requesting that the commission show cause for the Hazardous Waste Surcharge.

Recommendation: Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to receive and file the request from Robert Robinson regarding the Household Hazardous Waste surcharge.

The General Manager noted that this item should be received and filed and that it should be taken up under the Wastewater Commission.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10. [06-1989](#)

Subject: Request to use parking lot located on Barker St.

Recommendation: Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the use of the parking lot on the Water Plant's fence line for the Catamaran Racing Association of Wisconsin's special event to be held on August 12-18, 2006. The applicant shall comply with City policy in filling out a hold harmless agreement with the City Attorney's office.

The Chief of Operations noted that a copy of a letter was received from Catamaran Racing Association of Wisconsin requesting to utilize several parking lots, one of which is the Utility's property near the Water Plant, for a special event at the Racine Yacht Club. The Chief of Operations recommended approval.

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the use of the parking lot on the Water Plant's fence line for the Catamaran Racing Association of Wisconsin's special event to be held on August 12-18, 2006. The applicant shall comply with City policy in filling out a hold harmless agreement with the City Attorney's office. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended For Acceptance

11. [06-1972](#)

Subject: Proposal from Ruekert-Mielke regarding construction related services on the Newman Road tank

Recommendation: Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rote, to approve the proposal from Ruekert-Mielke in the amount of \$68,300.00 for construction related services on the Newman Road tank.

The Chief of Operations recommended approval of the proposal from Ruekert-Mielke.

Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rote, to approve the

proposal from Ruekert-Mielke in the amount of \$68,300.00 for construction related services on the Newman Road tank. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

12. [06-2014](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Ruekert-Mielke to prepare a water rate increase

Recommendation: Commissioner Rote made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the proposal from Ruekert-Mielke in the amount of \$35,000.00 to prepare a 2007 water rate increase before the Public Service Commission. In addition, Ruekert-Mielke will address rate implications of the Sturtevant acquisition with the Public Service Commission for an additional \$10,000.00.

The General Manager noted that we received a proposal from Ruekert-Mielke for preparing the 2007 water rate increase and briefing the Public Service Commission on other matters. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Rote made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the proposal from Ruekert-Mielke in the amount of \$35,000.00 to prepare a 2007 water rate increase before the Public Service Commission. In addition, Ruekert-Mielke will address rate implications of the Sturtevant acquisition with the Public Service Commission for an additional \$10,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

13. [06-2018](#) **Subject:** Permission for the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Town of Somers

Recommendation: Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pugh, to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Town of Somers regarding a water main installation on Highway KR between Highway 32 and Providence Port.

The General Manager requested permission to enter into an agreement with the Town of Somers regarding a water main installation on Highway KR. He noted that the Town of Somers was requesting us to pay a portion of this project.

Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pugh, to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Town of Somers regarding a water main installation on Highway KR between Highway 32 and Providence Port. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

14. [Ord.16-06](#) Ordinance No. 16-06 to amend Sec. 98-33(c) of the Municipal Code relating to Utilities - Waterworks commission.

To amend Sec. 98-33(c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Utilities - Waterworks commission.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 98-33(c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by adding the phrase "and powers" in two places after the word "duties"; by deleting in "(c)(5)" at the end of the sentence "and"; by creating a new "(c)(6)" to read: "To acquire, lease or sell real property, including fixtures and improvements, subject to approval of the common council; and"; and to renumber the current "(6)" to read "(7)".

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approve:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Recommendation: Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve amending Ordinance No. 16-06, Sec. 98-33(c) of the Municipal Code relating to Utilities.

The City Attorney explained the reason for the amendment in Sec. 98-33(c) of the subject ordinance.

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve amending Ordinance No. 16-06, Sec. 98-33(c) of the Municipal Code relating to Utilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended For Adoption

15. Other Business

A. *The General Manager noted that he will be giving a tour of the Water Utility to the Chairman of the Public Service Commission the week of June 5, 2006.*

B. *The General Manager stated that the June 27, 2006 Commission meeting will be held at the Wastewater Plant.*

C. *The General Manager noted that negotiations with the Village of Sturtevant are on-going. He mentioned that there will be another meeting held in the month of June.*

16. Adjournment

There being no other business, Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

If you are disabled and have accessibility needs or need information interpreted for you, please contact the office of the General Manager at 636-9181 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.