



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President John Hewitt, Vice President Thomas Bunker,
Secretary Robert Lui, Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor John Dickert,
Thomas Friedel, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Howard Stacey,
Chris Wright, Alderman James Morgenroth, Anthony Beyer,
Chris Larsen, Joseph Mandala, Ralph Schwarz, James T.
Spangenberg, Alderman Terry McCarthy*

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Wheeler, R. Pace, P. Boersma

PRESENT: 13 - John Dickert, Ronald D. Hart, Joseph Mandala, John Hewitt, Thomas Bunker, Robert Lui, Howard Stacey, Anthony Beyer, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz, James T. Spangenberg, Chris Wright and Terry McCarthy

EXCUSED: 3 - Thomas Friedel, James Morgenroth and Chris Larsen

2. Approval of Minutes for the July 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Secretary Robert Lui, seconded by James T. Spangenberg, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-10479](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for July 2014 Totaling \$1,079,661.03

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-10480](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Household Hazardous Waste Event - August 16, 2014
- B) Status of May 12, 2014 Storm Modeling Effort - TAC Meeting
- C) Budget Hearing - September 3, 2014
- D) WEFTEC 2014
- E) SEWRPC Meeting Held July 31, 2014 - "A Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed"
- F) OpenCel Status Update - Black & Veatch
- G) Status Update on WPDES Permit Issuance
- H) Letters Sent to SSR Parties - Capacity Exceedances

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [14-10491](#) **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 Wastewater Commissioners.*
- A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**
6. [14-10492](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Ruekert-Mielke to Aid the Commission and Staff on Sewer Agreement Compliance Issues
- Recommendation:** Approve
- The General Manager submitted a proposal from Ruekert-Mielke in order to aid the Commission and staff members on Sewer Agreement compliance issues. He noted that this proposal was in the not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000.00 and recommended approval.*
- A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**
7. [14-10499](#) **Subject:** 2015 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Application
- Recommendation:** Approve
- The General Manager noted that the Utility received a grant application for the 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Program. He requested to be authorized to sign and return the grant application to the State.*
- A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**
8. [14-10493](#) **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 Wastewater Commissioners is scheduled for September 3, 2014, at the Wastewater Utility.*
- A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor John Dickert made a motion, seconded by Secretary Robert Lui, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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