



# City of Racine

City Hall  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President John Engel, Vice President John Hewitt, Secretary Thomas Bunker, Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor John Dickert, Thomas Friedel, Robert Lui, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Robert Pucely, Chris Larsen, Esther Holding, Joseph Mandala, Howard Stacey, Chris Wright, Alderman James Morgenroth*

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Tuesday, April 30, 2013

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

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### 1. Roll Call

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

**PRESENT:** 8 - John Dickert, Robert Lui, Howard Stacey, Robert Pucely, James Morgenroth, John Engel, John Hewitt and Thomas Bunker

**EXCUSED:** 4 - Thomas Friedel, Ronald D. Hart, Esther Holding and Kathy DeMatthew

### 2. Approval of Minutes for the March 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice President John Hewitt, seconded by Secretary Thomas Bunker, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

### 3. [13-8875](#)

**Subject:** Budget Expenditures for March 2013 Totaling \$1,057,280.14

**Recommendation:** Approve

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

### 4. [13-8809](#)

**Subject:** Project Reports:

- A) 2012 Audit
- B) Board of Standards Show Cause Hearing
- C) Update on Household Hazardous Waste Program/Pharmaceutical Event
- D) WEFTEC Attendance
- E) Update on Thermal Discharge Study Efforts
- F) OpenCel Update
- G) April 2013 Wet Weather Events
- H) SSR Annual Responses
- I) Caledonia Visit to Wastewater - May 10, 2013
- J) True-up for 2014

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Project reports were given by staff.*

**Received and Filed**

5. [13-8849](#) **Subject:** Mt. Pleasant Interceptor Sewer Transmission Rate Computations for City Flows

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager presented the Mt. Pleasant Interceptor Sewer Transmission Rate for City flows for 2013. He noted that he received a letter from the Village of Mt. Pleasant explaining the computation of these rates and recommended approval.*

**A motion was made by Secretary Thomas Bunker, seconded by Robert Lui, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

6. [13-8890](#) **Subject:** Mt. Pleasant Interceptor Sewer Transmission Assignment and Assumption Agreement

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Utility on 4/30/13:** To approve

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY ORDINANCE FOR SUCH MATTERS

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The General Manager noted that the Assignment and Assumption Agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Wastewater Utility expires this year. He also noted that the City's Attorney, Joseph Muratore, Jr. drew up a new agreement for execution. The General Manager recommended approval. He further recommends that this be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for their approval.*

**A motion was made by James Morgenroth, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

7. [13-8891](#) **Subject:** Mt. Pleasant Interceptor Sewer Transmission Agreement First Amendment

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Utility on 4/30/13:** To approve

FURTHER RECOMMENDS TO REFER TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY ORDINANCE FOR SUCH MATTERS

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The General Manager noted that the City's Attorney, Joseph Muratore, Jr. drew up a First Amendment to Agreement for Wastewater Transmission Charges and Conveyance of Interceptor Sewers effective as of January 2013 for the purpose of extending the term of the original agreement. The General Manager recommended approval and further recommends that this be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for their approval.*

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

8. [13-8892](#)

**Subject:** Amend Section 98-149 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Utility on 4/30/13:**  
That the Ordinance be adopted

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

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The General Manager noted that the Utility requests to amend Sec. 98-149 (e) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine which relates to sewer use charges and invoicing. He recommends deleting the words "city treasurer's office, city hall;" in the fourth sentence of the paragraph. He also noted that he recommends the following to be added to Sec. 98-149 (f): "The Utility shall compute charges for industrial customers determined to potentially discharge wastewater in concentrations in excess of "normal strength" or whose wastewater discharge flows may be substantial resulting in pollutant mass at such levels that Class II charges exceed Class I charges after applying approved Class I and Class II rates. The Utility shall charge the greater of the two calculated charges".*

**A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Secretary Thomas Bunker, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

9. [13-8886](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Asset Recyclers Wishing to Collect E-Waste at Household Hazardous Waste Collections

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Utility on 4/30/13:** To approve

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

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The General Manager noted that he received a request from Asset Recyclers requesting to use the Utility's household hazardous waste site for E-Waste recycling services. He also noted that they would use the site on the same dates of the Utility's household hazardous waste events. They agree to provide a hold harmless agreement and Certificate of Insurance. The General Manager recommended approval and further recommends that this be referred to the Finance and Personnel*

*Committee for approval.*

**A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by James Morgenroth, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

It is the intent that the (insert Waterworks or Wastewater) Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a utility employee.

10. [13-8885](#)      **Subject:** Employee Compensation

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Discussion was held with regard to non-represented employee compensation. The plan shall be implemented as presented. Compensation for merit-based employees shall be retroactive to January 1, 2013, with the exception that the General Manager and Chief of Operations shall be effective July 1, 2013.*

**Received and Filed**

11. [13-8748](#)      **Subject:** Review and Approval of the 2012 Performance Evaluation of the General Manager

**Recommendation:** Defer

*This item was deferred at this time.*

**Deferred**

12.      **Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Vice President John Hewitt, made a motion, seconded by Secretary Thomas Bunker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

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