



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, June 24, 2014

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Gilbreath, J. Hewitt, A. Lesnjak, M. Kosterman, S. Cryer, M. Tabor, J. Mandala, H. Stacey, C. Wright, W. Mielke, R. Lui

EXCUSED: Mayor John Dickert

PRESENT: 7 - Thomas Friedel, Thomas Bunker, Ronald D. Hart, James Morgenroth, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz and James T. Spangenberg

2. Approval of Minutes for the May 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Secretary James Morgenroth, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-10277](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for May 2014 Totaling \$1,555,442.48

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by James T. Spangenberg, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-10278](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Water Rate Case Update
- B) Fourth of July
- C) Verizon at Broadway Tank
- D) T-Mobile at Perry Avenue Tank
- E) AT&T Emergency Generator at Summit Avenue Tank
- F) Status of Backwash VFD Project
- G) Status of High Lift VFD Project
- H) Lake Michigan Intake Inspection Report
- I) Risk Management Plan (RMP) for Gaseous Chlorine
- J) Status Update on Water Main Construction Projects
- K) Union Contract Status - Local 732

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [14-10308](#) **Subject:** Communication from the General Manager Presenting a Preliminary Cost of Service Study for a Regional Water Main in the Village of Mt. Pleasant - Bill Mielke Invited to the Meeting

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager presented a preliminary Cost of Service Study (COSS) for a regional water main in the Village of Mt. Pleasant. He explained that the Village of Caledonia has plans to have the Waterworks Commission construct a water main from Highway 20 and Highway V, north to the Caledonia border on Highway V and that they are also planning on bringing sewer down Highway V to the Highway 20 location for the purpose of investing in an office park development. Because this water main construction would be done in the Village of Mt. Pleasant to accommodate Caledonia's plans, it will not be Mt. Pleasant's responsibility for payment of this project. He noted that the estimated total project cost is \$2,535,000.00 and that the Racine Waterworks Commission's portion of this would be an estimated cost of \$825,484.00. The General Manager stated that the Racine Waterworks Commission would have to receive a communication from the Village of Caledonia requesting this water main.

A motion was made by James T. Spangenberg, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, to approve the draft Cost of Service Study for the Highway V water main project contingent on receiving a request from the Village of Caledonia to that effect. The General Manager is authorized and directed to prepare responses and coordinate with the Villages of Mt. Pleasant and Caledonia in accordance with the retail and wholesale water agreements for each community to facilitate procedures necessary to complete this project. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [14-10279](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Ruckert-Mielke for Professional Services Regarding Water Project for Caledonia Service - Bill Mielke Invited to the Meeting

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted a proposal from Ruckert-Mielke for professional services with regard to construction of a regional main along Highway V that Caledonia is likely to request in the near future. The proposal includes revisiting the water distribution model and incorporating future demands on the Racine retail system that are outlined in the Caledonia Wholesale Water Agreement. The proposal will also look at sizing of a future water tower and any necessary modifications to the Highway 20 booster station. It also includes the preparation of Cost of Service Studies, and plans and specifications for a regional water main and tower to provide for future growth. Signing of the proposal is contingent upon getting a request from the Village of Caledonia.

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

7. [14-10309](#) **Subject:** Communication from the General Manager Requesting Permission to Provide Temporary Water Service to the Town of

Yorkville

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a request from the Town of Yorkville for temporary water service to accommodate them while they install a new well pump. The General Manager noted that the best option would be for Yorkville to truck water from Racine to Yorkville. It was noted that the General Manager would work with the Town of Yorkville to get a Liability Certificate. The General Manager also requested authorization to negotiate a plan with the Town of Yorkville in case of an emergency.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by James T. Spangenberg, that the General Manager be authorized and directed to negotiate with Yorkville for the provision of water on a temporary and emergency basis, if necessary, while they change the well pump. The Town shall execute a hold harmless agreement and liability certificate with Racine, the Racine Waterworks Commission, and the Racine Water Utility, ensuring that Yorkville is responsible for the quality of the water once it leaves the Racine distribution system and that the Town obtain all necessary permissions from the DNR to meet their needs. Any and all testing of the water and public notification of Yorkville users and ratepayers regarding the potability of the water shall be done by the Town. Further, the General Manager is authorized and directed to work in the best interest of public health should the Town of Yorkville need additional assistance during this pump change. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [14-10170](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Eulogia Guardiola for consideration. (Res No. 14-0255)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 6-9-14: The claim of Eulogia Guardiola for damages after her aging water service pipe allegedly broke during the replacement of the water meter in her home on or about February 17, 2014 be approved.

Fiscal Note: Reimbursement in the amount of \$3,705.00.

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 6-24-14:
That the claim of Eulogia Guardiola be denied.

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

Recommended For Denial

9. [Res.14-0255](#)

Claim of Eulogia Guardiola

Resolved, that the claim of Eulogia Guardiola for damages after her aging water service pipe allegedly broke during the replacement of the water meter in her home on or about February 17, 2014 is approved.

Fiscal Note: Reimbursement in the amount of \$3,705.00.

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 6-24-14:

That this be denied

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO
THE FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR DENIAL

The General Manager explained that any damages that happen from the water main in the street to the curb stop are the responsibility of the Racine Water Utility and any damages from the curb stop to the homeowner's home are the responsibility of the homeowner. After discussion of what happened, the Commission agreed that it is the homeowner's responsibility for payment of the damages.

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Thomas Friedel made a motion, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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