



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President Thomas Bunker, Vice President Robert Lui ,
Secretary 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, Terry McCarthy, John Hewitt,*

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

*OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, N. Sanders, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, K.
Wanggaard, S. Cryer, M. Klimek, M. Janiuk, K. Peot, D. Bennett, T. Ludwig, D. Perry*

PRESENT: 12 - Thomas Friedel, James Morgenroth, Joseph Mandala, Thomas Bunker,
Robert Lui, Howard Stacey, Anthony Beyer, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph
Schwarz, James Spangenberg, Chris Wright and John Hewitt

EXCUSED: 4 - John Dickert, Ronald Hart, Chris Larsen and Terry McCarthy

2. Approval of Minutes for the December 16, 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Secretary DeMatthew, that this file
be to Approve the Minutes

3. [15-00070](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for December 2014 Totaling
\$1,716,369.46

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Mandala, seconded by Schwarz, that this file be
Approved

4. [15-00071](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A) Plant Superintendent
- B) Update on Operations Supervisor Search
- C) Wastewater Intern Update
- D) Update on Spring St. Preliminary Engineering - Brown and Caldwell
- E) Annual SSR Party Capacity

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [15-00060](#)

Subject: Amendment No.1 to Professional Services Contract with
Brown and Caldwell for Lift Station No. 2 Storage Evaluation

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager explained the need for an Amendment to the professional services contract with Brown and Caldwell for Lift Station No. 2 storage facility. The General Manager noted that the proposal for Amendment No. 1 is in the amount of \$16,140.00 and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Secretary DeMatthew, that this file be Approved

6. [15-00057](#)

Subject: Resolution Regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Lift Station No. 2 Wastewater Storage Facility

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 1/27/15: To approve and that Mayor Dickert and the City Clerk be authorized to sign a Comfort Resolution with regard to the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Lift Station No. 2 Wastewater Storage Facility

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

Fiscal Note: The Racine Wastewater Utility applied for a Clean Water Fund Loan through the State of Wisconsin. It may expend internal funds that would be reimbursed by loan funds in the future.

The General Manager noted that the Wastewater Utility applied for a loan with the State of Wisconsin for the Lift Station No. 2 Storage Facility. He requested a resolution regarding declaration of official intent to reimburse the Lift Station No. 2 storage facility project.

A motion was made by Friedel, seconded by Morgenroth, that this file be Recommended For Approval

7. [15-00058](#)

Subject: Authorize the General Manager to File Application for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 1/27/15: To approve and authorize Mayor Dickert and the City Clerk to sign agreement giving the General Manager of the Wastewater Utility authority to act as the authorized representative for this loan from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund

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

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Friedel, seconded by Secretary DeMatthew, that this file be Recommended For Approval

8. [15-00059](#)

Subject: Resolution Regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Kinzie-Roosevelt Improvements

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 1/27/15: To approve and to authorize Mayor Dickert and the City Clerk to sign the comfort resolution regarding declaration of official intent to reimburse Kinzie-Roosevelt interceptor improvements

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

Fiscal Note: The Wastewater Utility applied for a Clean Water Fund Loan through the State of Wisconsin. It may expend internal funds that would be reimbursed by loan funds in the future.

The General Manager requested a resolution regarding declaration of official intent to reimburse Kinzie-Roosevelt improvements project. He noted that the Wastewater Utility has applied for a Clean Water Fund Loan (CWFL) through the State of Wisconsin for this project.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Vice President Lui, that this file be Recommended For Approval

9. [15-00061](#)

Subject: Request from the General Manager for Authority to Initiate Notification Associated with the Kinzie - Roosevelt Interceptor Improvements

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authorization to initiate notification to the SSR Parties with regard to the Kinzie-Roosevelt Interceptor Improvements project Cost of Service Study (COSS).

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Friedel, that this file be Approved

10. [15-00062](#)

Subject: Approval of the 2015 Waste Hauler Rates

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted the 2015 Waste Hauler rates and recommended approval. He noted that the rates went down for Stericycle and PATS Services and slightly increased for Metro Milwaukee Auto Auction.

A motion was made by Vice President Lui, seconded by Schwarz, that this file be Approved

11. [15-00063](#)

Subject: Bid Results on Contract A-15, Anaerobic Digester Cleaning Services

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted the bid results on Contract A-15 in the amount of \$58,145.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being Denali Water Solutions. He also recommended approval of their 2016 and 2017 bids of \$59,380.00 and \$60,625.00 respectively in accordance with the bid specifications with certain inflationary adjustments as stated. He noted that, in the past, the Utility used the same company for a 3-year period.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Mandala, that this file be Approved

12. [15-00064](#)

Subject: Amendments to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Agreements to Reflect 2015 Approved Costs

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 1/27/15: That Mayor Dickert and the City Clerk be authorized to sign amendments to the Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with participating surrounding communities.

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

Fiscal Note: The Household Hazardous Waste rate has been changed from \$3.00 to \$3.60 for 2015

The General Manager noted that the 2015 rates for Household Hazardous Waste were increased from \$3.00 to \$3.60, which was approved by the Wastewater Commission and the Racine Common Council.

A motion was made by Spangenberg, seconded by Schwarz, that this file be Recommended For Approval

13. [14-10692](#)

Subject: Request from Village of Caledonia for Capacity Transfer

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager explained the request of Caledonia and the reason they were requesting capacity transfer.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Friedel, that this file be Received and Filed

14. [14-10693](#)

Subject: Communication from the Village of Caledonia Requesting to Reallocate Conveyance Capacity in Accordance with the Sewer Agreement

Recommendation: Approve

The Village of Caledonia had requested that 1.1 mgd of treatment and conveyance capacity be relocated to their new TID district near Highway V. The current capacity at River Bend Lift Station (Cal West) is 15.3 mgd. The new resulting capacity at that location will be 14.2 mgd. The Village has constructed a new 1.5 mg storage tank upstream of the Hoods Creek lift station. This tank will mitigate peak flows currently going to River Bend. Caledonia has entered into a separate agreement with Mt. Pleasant to transport the 1.1 mgd to the Wastewater Plant through Mt. Pleasant's private interceptor.

In accordance with Section 5.3 of the Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Agreement, the Racine Wastewater Commission hereby certifies the requested capacity transfer request of Caledonia as stated above with the following stipulations: The Caledonia Sewer Commission and its staff shall work in cooperation with the Racine Wastewater Commission and its staff on a coordinated plan of operation depicting the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of operating the Hoods Creek attenuation basin, in concert with River Bend Lift Station and the Airport Storage Basin on Mt. Pleasant Street in Racine. Caledonia will share SCADA data with Racine in real time so that the systems can work in concert with each other.

A motion was made by Friedel, seconded by Mandala, that this file be Approved

15. [15-00076](#)

Subject: Proposal from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works - Engineering with Regard to Detailing a Scope of Work to Perform Interceptor Televising and Other Miscellaneous Engineering in 2015

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager received a proposal from the City Engineer for performing sewer televising and other miscellaneous engineering for the year 2015 in the amount of \$30,000 and recommended approval. The General Manager noted that the Wastewater Utility has used the City in the past to perform these duties, therefore, saving the Utility money.

A motion was made by Vice President Lui, seconded by Mandala, that this file be Approved

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joseph Mandala made a motion, seconded by Vice President Robert Lui, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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