



City of Racine

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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

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

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

PRESENT: 11 - John Dickert, Thomas Friedel, Ronald D. Hart, Chris Wright, Howard Stacey, Robert Pucely, James Morgenroth, Kathy DeMatthew, John Engel, John Hewitt and Thomas Bunker

EXCUSED: 4 - Robert Lui, Chris Larsen, Esther Holding and Joseph Mandala

2. Approval of Minutes for the August 2013 Meeting

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

3. [13-9365](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Wastewater Finance Committee Held on September 4, 2013

Recommendation: Approve

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

4. [13-9366](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for August 2013 Totaling \$1,085,673.98

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Robert Pucely, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [13-9367](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Update on Household Hazardous Waste Program - September 2013 Event
- B) Letters Received from SSR Parties with Regard to Excess Flow
- C) Letter Received from SSR Party (Sturtevant) with Regard to Grove Avenue
- D) Letter from OpenCel Dated August 20, 2013
- E) Update on Sludge Storage Facility

F) WEFTEC

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

6. [13-9368](#) **Subject:** Submittal of the Report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Wastewater Commission Regarding Year 2014 Wastewater Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2014-2018 Capital Improvements Budget Recommending Adoption

Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on 9/24/13: To adopt

FURTHER RECOMMEND, THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A motion was made by Vice President John Hewitt, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that Operations and Maintenance Budget be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by James Morgenroth, that the Capital Improvements Budget be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [13-9369](#) **Subject:** Submittal of 2014 Sewer Service Rates

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 9/24/13: To adopt

FURTHER RECOMMEND, THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The General Manager submitted the 2014 Class 1 and Class 2 sewer service rates.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Robert Pucely, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [13-9375](#) **Subject:** Communication from the General Manager Summarizing Contract Terms with Synagro for Biosolids Handling

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager distributed a chart showing the possible costs for 2014 for biosolids handling. He stated that while negotiations will begin in earnest in the next few days, Synagro understands the per-ton price targets the Commission is looking for.

A motion was made by Vice President John Hewitt, seconded by John Dickert, that the General Manager can issue a Notice to Proceed to Synagro for the design and construction of a building with the understanding that the price per

ton is initially in the \$46.00 per ton range. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [13-9279](#) **Subject:** Letter from Republic Services Offering Short-Term Solutions for Biosolids Disposal

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager requested that this item be deferred.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Secretary Thomas Bunker, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [13-9379](#) **Subject:** Approval of New Household Hazardous Waste Rates for 2014

Recommendation: Approve a rate of \$3.00 per household for 2014

Discussion was held with regard to raising the Household Hazardous Waste rate for 2014. The General Manager suggested raising the rate to \$2.60, but after further discussion, it was decided to raise the rate to \$3.00 per household for 2014 to alleviate the rising costs and growing participation.

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

11. [13-9380](#) **Subject:** Request from General Manager Seeking Authority to Negotiate Amendment No. 3 with OpenCel

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authorization to negotiate Amendment No. 3 with OpenCel, but before any amendment was signed, he would bring it forth to the Commission for their approval.

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

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, John Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Robert Pucely, to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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