



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President Thomas Friedel, Vice President Kathy DeMatthew, Secretary Jeff Pellegrom
Mayor Gary Becker, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Brian Anderson, Michael Staeck*

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Pace, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, M. Kosterman, T. Ramos, R. King, A. Lesnjak, J. Jordan, D. Lynaugh, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, Ald. Mozol, W. Povkovich

PRESENT: 4 - Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart, Thomas Friedel and Michael Staeck

EXCUSED: 3 - Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrom and Gary Becker

2. Approval of Minutes for the May 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [08-2301](#)

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on June 5, 2008

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on June 5, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [08-2302](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for May 2008 Totaling \$1,357,042.60

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the budget expenditures for May 2008 totaling \$1,357,042.60. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

5. [08-2303](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A) Caledonia Water Negotiations - K. Haas
- B) Ohio Street and Taylor Avenue Water Main Relay - C. Regalia
- C) Status of the Newman Road Property - K. Haas
- D) Water Vehicle Purchase
- E) Solids Dewatering - M. Gitter

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed6. [08-2168](#)

Subject: Presentation of the 2007 Audit from Clifton-Gunderson - Rene Messing invited to the meeting

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager asked that this item be deferred.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to defer this item until a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred7. [08-2310](#)

Subject: Request from Evangelical United Methodist Church to Purchase Property Located on Hwy. 31 North of Spring Street

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that he received a letter from Evangelical United Methodist Church stating that they were interested in purchasing a portion of the parcel of land located on Highway 31 north of Spring Street. He also noted that the Utility is not interested, at this time, in selling this land, but wanted to let the Commission know of the church's interest in purchasing the land.

Received and Filed8. [08-2325](#)

Subject: Bid Results on Contract W-08-4, 2008 Sturtevant Utility and Road Improvements

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-08-4 and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the low bid of A. W. Oakes & Son, Inc. on Contract W-08-4, 2008 Sturtevant Utility and Road Improvements, in the amount of \$925,179.90, which includes mandatory Alternate D. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved9. [08-2333](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating and Grading, Inc. (contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-08-3 in the amount of \$99,434.40 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to

approve Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating and Grading, Inc. (contractor), bringing the total contract amount to \$605,995.20. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

10. [08-2326](#)

Subject: Discussion of the Impact of Past Public Service Commission Rate Cases

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager distributed a handout of the Water Utility's financial summary, including water usage, water sales, and outstanding debt for the past several years. He noted that the Public Service Commission's (PSC) rate cases have not kept pace with the current obligations. He also mentioned that sales are decreasing. He stated that the Utility needs to file for a rate case in order to keep pace with the needs of the Utility.

Received and Filed

11. [08-2327](#)

Subject: Request for Authority to Hire Ruekert-Mielke to Prepare a Rate Case to Present to the Public Service Commission

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authority to hire Ruekert-Mielke to prepare a rate case for presentation to the Public Service Commission (PSC). He noted that the Utility has used them before for the same purpose.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to authorize the General Manager to hire Ruekert-Mielke to prepare a rate case for presentation to the PSC. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

12. Other Business

No other business to report.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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