



# City of Racine

## Meeting Minutes

### Waterworks Commission

City Hall  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403  
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*President Michael Staeck, Vice President Thomas Friedel  
Secretary Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor Gary Becker  
Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Jeff Pellegrom, Brian Anderson*

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Tuesday, September 25, 2007

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

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#### 1. Roll Call

*OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Gilbreath, J. Guttenberg, J. Jordan, A. Wheeler, K. Wanggaard, R. King, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, N. Maragos, P. McBride, C. Tippery*

**PRESENT:** 4 - Kathy DeMatthew, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart and Thomas Friedel

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Jeff Pellegrom, Gary Becker and Michael Staeck

#### 2. Approval of Minutes for the August 2007 Meeting

*Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

#### 3. [07-1152](#)

**Subject:** Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on August 28, 2007

**Recommendation:** Approve

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on August 28, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

#### 4. [07-1155](#)

**Subject:** Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on September 5, 2007

**Recommendation:** Approve

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee held on September 5, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

#### 5. [07-1153](#)

**Subject:** Budget expenditures for August 2007 totaling \$1,436,186.87

**Recommendation:** Approve

*Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the budget expenditures for August 2007 totaling \$1,436,186.87. The motion passed*

*unanimously.*

**Approved**

6. [07-1154](#) **Subject:** Project Reports

A. Construction Projects - Chad Regalia  
B. Update on PSC Rate Case - Keith Haas

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Project reports were given by staff.*

**Received and Filed**

7. [07-1205](#) **Subject:** Bid opening results for Contract W-07-6 2007 Small Main Replacement Racine Water Utility

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-07-6 and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.*

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the low bid of Willkomm Excavating & Grading, Inc. on Contract W-07-6, Small Main Replacements, in the amount of \$338,651.00. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

8. [07-1182](#) **Subject:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-07-2, 2007 Water Main Replacements, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor)

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-07-2 in the amount of \$43,950.82 and recommended approval.*

*Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-07-2, 2007 Water Main Replacements, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor), bringing the total contract amount to \$1,046,549.32. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

9. [07-1185](#) **Subject:** Request from Nick Maragos for purchase of land at Spring St. and Newman Rd.

**Recommendation:** Defer

*The General Manager noted that he received a request from Mr. Maragos to purchase some land owned by the Water Utility for future development. Mr. Maragos was present to clarify the portion of land he wished to purchase.*

*Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to defer this*

*item until the General Manager discusses the matter with Mayor Becker and representatives from Mt. Pleasant to make sure they have no objections to selling a portion of the land to Mr. Maragos. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

10. [07-1186](#) **Subject:** Request for Approval to Apply for Homeland Security Grant

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager requested approval to apply for a Homeland Security Grant. The Chief of Operations mentioned that the deadline to apply for this grant was September 21, 2007. Since the deadline was prior to this meeting, the Utility felt that it was in their best interest to apply for the grant which would cover expenses for fencing, camera systems, and upgrading of current security systems.*

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the application for a Homeland Security Grant in the approximate amount of \$520,000.00 for the purpose of installation of fencing and camera systems. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

11. [07-1156](#) **Subject:** Submittal of the report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Waterworks Commission regarding year 2008 Water Utility Operation & Maintenance Budget and the 2008-2012 Capital Improvements Budget Recommending Adoption

**Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission of 9/25/07:**

To adopt. Refer to the Committee of the Whole.

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to adopt the 2008 Water Utility Operation and Maintenance budget. Furthermore, to refer this item to the Committee of the Whole for approval. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to adopt the 2008-2012 Capital Improvements budget. Furthermore, to refer this item to the Committee of the Whole for approval. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Adoption**

12. Other Business

*A. The General Manager stated that he received a letter from the Racine Yacht Club requesting to begin negotiations to extend their lease. The General Manager is to gather detailed information and report back to the Commission at a later date.*

*B. The General Manager noted that there was a water main in need of repair on Green Bay Road. He stated that the Department of Transportation requested that the Water Utility repair the water main on the weekend due to concerns of high traffic volume during the week. Therefore, the General Manager stated that the repair is scheduled to be made the weekend of September 29, 2007.*

*C. The General Manager noted that the Water Plant Superintendent, Michael Kosterman, was requested to speak at a membrane conference being held currently. He also*

*mentioned that the Water Utility will be hosting visitors for a tour of our new membrane facility.*

### **13. Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

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