



# 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*

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Tuesday, July 29, 2008

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. Pace, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, M. Kosterman, R. King, S. Cryer, J. Guttenberg, R. Pucely, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, R. Messing, K. Rivett*

**PRESENT:** 5 - Kathy DeMatthew, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart, Gary Becker and Michael Staeck

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Jeff Pellegrom and Thomas Friedel

### 2. Approval of Minutes for the June 2008 Meeting

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

### 3. [08-2455](#)

**Subject:** Budget Expenditures for June 2008 totaling \$1,383,974.79

**Recommendation:** Approve

*Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the budget expenditures for June 2008 totaling \$1,383,974.79. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

### 4. [08-2456](#)

**Subject:** Project Reports:

- A) Caledonia Water Negotiations
- B) Update on Lead
- C) Update on Renewable Energy

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Project reports were given by staff.*

**Received and Filed**

### 5. [08-2457](#)

**Subject:** Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor)

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-08-3 in the amount of \$59,991.76 and recommended approval.*

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor), bringing the total contract amount to \$665,986.96. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

6. [08-2458](#)

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

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 3 on Contract W-08-3 in the credit amount of \$33,008.60 and recommended approval.*

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve Change Order No. 3 on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor), bringing the total contract amount to \$632,978.36. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

7. [08-2459](#)

**Subject:** Final Payment on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor)

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted final pay request on Contract W-08-3. He recommended that the work performed by Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. be accepted and final payment be authorized.*

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to accept the work and approve final payment on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacement - Phase II, Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractor), for a total contract amount of \$632,978.36. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

8. [08-2461](#)

**Subject:** Inter-municipal Agreement Between the Village of Mt. Pleasant and Racine Water Utility Regarding Water Main Construction on Old Spring Street

**Recommendation:** (Direct Referral) Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on July 29, 2008: Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval

*The General Manager noted that the Racine Water Utility and the Village of Mt. Pleasant have drawn up an agreement with regard to construction of a water main in Mt. Pleasant on Old Spring Street. The General Manager requested that this agreement be approved.*

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the agreement between the Racine Water Utility and the Village of Mt. Pleasant relating to construction of a water main on Old Spring Street. Furthermore, that this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [08-2168](#)

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

**Recommendation:** Defer

*The General Manager introduced Renee Messing from Clifton-Gunderson. She explained that as a cost savings, they incorporated the Water and Wastewater Utilities financial statements into one report. In summary, she stated that the financial statements present fair, in all material respects, the financial position of the Racine Water Utility as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. It was also stated that a Management letter will be forthcoming.*

*Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to defer this item until the August 2008 meeting until a Management letter is received from Clifton-Gunderson. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

10. Other Business

*A) The General Manager informed the Commission that the Water Utility would be utilizing the services of Davis & Kuelthau, S.C. to aide them in negotiations for upcoming labor contract with Local 63.*

*B) The General Manager informed the Commission that it appears that the City of New Berlin will be entering into an agreement with Milwaukee for the provision of additional water purchases.*

*C) The General Manager noted that the Water Utility recently submitted the appropriate forms to the State of Wisconsin - Office of Justice Assistance for a Homeland Security grant. He informed the Commission that the grant has been approved and the Utility would be receiving an estimated amount of \$344,000.00.*

11. **Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

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