



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President John Engel, Vice President Kathy DeMatthew
Secretary Thomas M. Sollman, Mayor John Dickert, Alderman
Ronald D. Hart,
Thomas Friedel, Tracy Richters, Alderman Michael D. Shields*

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Wheeler, B. Bartel, R. Pace, S. Cryer, M. Kosterman, R. Gilbreath, J. Hewitt, D. Lynaugh, R. King, R. Lui, M. Klimek, T. Ramos, N. Erlandson, K. Wanggaard, A. Lesnjak, R. Pucely

PRESENT: 5 - John Dickert, John Engel, Ronald D. Hart, Michael Shields and Kathy DeMatthew

EXCUSED: 3 - Thomas Friedel, Thomas M. Sollman and Tracy Richters

2. Approval of Minutes for the August 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor John Dickert, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [11-6915](#)

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee Held on September 7, 2011

Recommendation: Approve

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

4. [11-6916](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for August 2011 Totaling \$1,575,319.05

Recommendation: Approve

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

5. [11-6917](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Offer from AP Wireless
- B) U.S. Mayors Conference Award Presentation
- C) Meeting with Waukesha Water
- D) Douglas Avenue Water Main
- E) Caledonia Water Negotiations

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

6. [11-6919](#) **Subject:** Letter of Support for Waukesha in their Pursuit of a Grant to Assist in the Construction of a Water Pipe

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager requested authorization to send a letter of support to Waukesha in their pursuit of a \$75 million grant to assist in the construction of a water pipe. It was suggested that this item be deferred.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Alderman Michael Shields, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [11-6930](#) **Subject:** Submittal of the Report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Waterworks Commission Regarding Year 2012 Water Utility Operation and Maintenance Budget and the 2012-2016 Capital Improvements Budget Recommending Adoption

Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on

9/27/11: To adopt. Refer to the Committee of the Whole.

A motion was made by Mayor John Dickert, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that both the Operation and Maintenance Budget and the 2012-2016 Capital Improvements Budget be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [11-6918](#) **Subject:** Request to Fill Vacancy of Maintenance Worker Due to a Retirement

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested permission to fill the vacancy of a Maintenance Worker and any subsequent vacancies that may result. He explained that the Maintenance Worker had to be forced into retirement due to a disability.

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

9. [11-6819](#) **Subject:** Presentation of the Water Utility System Connection Fee Report Update Dated January 2011

Recommendation: Approve an increase in the connection fee

The General Manager distributed charts regarding future growth connection fee history and a Profit or Loss Statement. He explained that every 3-4 years, Ruekert-Mielke does a Water Connection Fee Report Update. He noted that the current REC fee is \$3,223.00 per household. The General Manager stated that the Utility basically has three choices: 1) freeze the rate; 2) adjust for inflation; or 3) adjust to cover for growth. Ruekert-Mielke noted in their report that there has been a significant reduction in the number of new connections per year, therefore, recommending an increase in this fee to \$3,320.00 in order to cover the share of

project costs related to excess capacity to serve future growth.

A motion was made by Mayor John Dickert, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that the report dated January 2011 entitled, "Water Utility System Connection Fee Report Update" and associated map containing regional water mains dated January 2011 be Approved. Furthermore, that the new rate, adjusted for inflation, be imposed starting January 1, 2012. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, John Dickert made a motion, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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