



# City of Racine

## Meeting Minutes

### Waterworks Commission

City Hall  
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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, May 29, 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, A. Lesnjak, C. Regalia, R. Pace, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, M. Kosterman, J. Jordan, K. Wanggaard*

**PRESENT:** 6 - Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrom, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart, Thomas Friedel and Michael Staeck

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Gary Becker

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

*Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

#### 3. [07-0638](#)

**Subject:** Budget expenditures for April 2007 totaling \$1,414,185.58

**Recommendation:** Approve

*Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the budget expenditures for April 2007 totaling \$1,414,185.58. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

#### 4. [07-0636](#)

**Subject:** Project Reports

- A. Membrane Project - Mike Kosterman, Water Plant Superintendent
- B. Newman Road Booster Station - Chad Regalia, Staff Engineer

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Project reports were given by staff.*

**Received and Filed**

#### 5. [07-0637](#)

**Subject:** Bid Opening Results on Contract W-07-2, 2007 Water Main Replacements

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-07-2 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 Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. on Contract W-07-2, 2007 Water Main Replacements, in the amount of \$1,002,598.50. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approved**

6. [07-0657](#) **Subject:** Change Order No. 9 on Contract W-05-8, Newman Road Water Booster Station, Riley Construction (contractor)

**Recommendation:** Approve

The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 9 on Contract W-05-8 in the amount of \$10,509.34 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve Change Order No. 9 on Contract W-05-8, Newman Road Water Booster Station, Riley Construction Co., Inc. (contractor), bringing the total contract amount to \$2,626,064.26. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approved**

7. [07-0646](#) **Subject:** Request to renew wireless internet provider tower lease

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

The General Manager was looking for direction from the Commission with regard to a lease agreement between E-Vergent Wireless and the Racine Water Utility to renew leased space on the Renaissance Industrial Park tower for wireless communication services. He noted that since the Racine Water Utility has acquired the Sturtevant Water Utility, that E-Vergent will now be paying rental fees to the Racine Water Utility, and suggested that the fee go up to \$350.00 per month for a three-year lease, with a fee of \$400.00 per month on a three-year extension. The General Manager noted that E-Vergent's rental payment to the Village of Sturtevant prior to the Racine Water Utility's acquisition of the Village's Water Utility was \$330.00 per month.

**Received and Filed**

8. [07-0647](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the General Manager regarding a request from the developer of Pointe Blue for a temporary limited easement

**Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on May 29, 2007:**

The easement request be adopted and a resolution created.

The General Manager indicated that the developer of the Pointe Blue project was requesting a temporary construction easement on City property under the control of the Waterworks Commission. The easement is necessary to facilitate construction along the north limits of Pointe Blue. The General Manager recommended the temporary easement for this project and that it be referred to the Common Council for further approval.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to approve the proposed temporary construction easement developed by National Survey & Engineering for the Pointe Blue project. Furthermore, that it be referred to the Racine Common Council for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

**Recommended For Adoption**

9. [06-2377](#) **Subject:** Request for payment for water main oversizing on Hwy. KR for Langendorf

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager submitted a payment authorization to Langendorf Funeral Home on Hwy. KR for a water main oversizing. He noted that the regional plan called for a 16-inch water main, but the developer was only responsible for a 12-inch. The General Manager recommended approval for payment to Langendorf Funeral Home for the oversizing.*

*Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the payment authorization to Langendorf Funeral Home in the amount of \$6,615.96 for the water main oversizing. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved**

10. Other Business

*A. The General Manager noted that several months ago the Racine Water Utility chose Northern Data Systems for their new billing software program. He mentioned that the software is due to arrive in the near future and that staff will begin training once the software has been installed. The General Manager also noted that rather than printing our bills on a small card, the Utility is developing a new scheme to print their bills on 8-1/2" x 11" paper to enable the Water Utility to provide more information for a minimal cost increase.*

*B. The General Manager mentioned that Commissioners DeMatthew and Pellegroni recently took a tour of the Water and Wastewater Utilities, and he also invited the other Commissioners on a tour of the facilities if they were interested in the future.*

*C. The General Manager acknowledged that he received a letter from a city resident. The letter noted how pleased the resident was with how the Racine Water Department handled a recent water main break in their area. They mentioned that everything was taken care of on a timely basis and that the professional behavior of the Utility's employees was impressive.*

11. **Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

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