



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President Ronald Hart, Vice President Thomas Bunker,
Secretary James Morgenroth,
Mayor John Dickert,
Thomas Friedel, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz, James T.
Spangenberg*

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Gilbreath, A. Beyer, T. Karkow, A. Lesnjak, M. Kosterman, R. Harris, E. Trudrung, R. Lui, S. Cryer, R. Pace, M. Carr, R. King, J. Mandala, H. Stacey, J. Muratore, A. Wheeler, G. Clark, B. McClellan

PRESENT: 7 - Thomas Friedel, Thomas Bunker, Ronald D. Hart, James Morgenroth, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz and James T. Spangenberg

2. Approval of Minutes for the April 1, 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Secretary James Morgenroth, seconded by John Dickert, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-10077](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for March 2014 Totaling \$1,575,673.81

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Kathy DeMatthew, seconded by Secretary James Morgenroth, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-10038](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) New Commissioners - James Spangenberg & Ralph Schwarz
- B) Update on 2013 Audit
- C) Water Rate Case Update
- D) Safe Drinking Water Loan Ranking Status
- E) Home Serve Private Insurance - Conference Call
- F) James Moss Retirement

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [14-10039](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract W-14-2, 2014 Pavement Restoration

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-14-2 in the amount of \$316,252.50 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being RAZA of Racine.

A motion was made by Secretary James Morgenroth, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [14-10079](#)

Subject: Request for a Water Main Extension at 4522 County Highway KR

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager explained that there is a Mt. Pleasant resident located at 4522 County Highway KR that would like to connect to the Utility distribution system. The regional water plan calls for a 16" water main at this location. The resident would be responsible for the cost of an 8" equivalent diameter main with the Utility picking up the cost of the oversizing. The oversizing portion is provided for in the 2014 Capital Improvement budget. In accordance with the retail water agreement, the property owner would enter into a developers agreement with the Utility to facilitate this installation. The General Manager requested authorization to enter into a developers agreement to construct a 16" regional main at this location.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [14-10080](#)

Subject: Approval of Water Main Bids Taken by the Village of Sturtevant

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that the Village of Sturtevant had a bid opening for the reconstruction of 95th Street which included the replacement of a Utility water main. The relationship with Sturtevant for this work is handled by an inter-municipal agreement authorized by the Common Council. The low bidder is Payne & Dolan, Inc. at \$484,209.95. The water main portion is \$200,900.00. The General Manager requested that the Commission approve the bid price for the water main portion. The engineer's estimate is \$195,000.00.

A motion was made by Secretary James Morgenroth, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [14-10090](#)

Subject: Letter Received from Sturtevant Dated April 21, 2014 with Regard to REC Fee Connection Report Dated January 2014

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a response to his letter from the Village of Sturtevant with regard to raising the Residential Equivalent Connection (REC) fee based on the meeting that was held on March 21 between Sturtevant, Mt. Pleasant, City of Racine, Attorney Muratore, Bill Mielke, Mike Gitter, and himself. The letter requests that a compromise be struck in that Sturtevant will approve the increase if the Commission agrees to a cap on large water user REC fees. The General Manager and Attorney Joe Muratore contend that these are two separate issues that

are mutually exclusive of each other. The General Manager requested authority to respond to the letter expressing the Commission's position on the matter.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Secretary James Morgenroth, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [14-10088](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 4 on Contract W-11-6, Filter Wash Water Pumps VFD Replacement, Butters-Fetting Co., Inc. (Contractor)

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager asked that this item be deferred.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Waterworks Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a utility employee. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

John Dickert made a motion, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, to move the meeting into Closed Session at 4:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

10. [14-10081](#)

Subject: Recommendation of the General Manager for Special Consideration of Performance and Compensation

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held with regard to a proposal from the General Manager for special consideration of performance and compensation for a Water Utility employee.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

11. [14-10082](#)

Subject: Water Commission Recommendation for Additional Compensation

Recommendation: Approve

The Commission explained that Construction Supervisor, Mark Carr, performed his job above and beyond normal duties and circumstances during the winter of 2014 in which we experienced over 100 water main breaks, 250 frozen services, and numerous broken valves and hydrants. He dealt with ratepayers' emergencies and concerns in a professional and courteous manner keeping customers living in their homes with minimal interruptions and facilitating connections to neighbors' homes where necessary, working seven days a week for 12 weeks without complaint or additional compensation. For his efforts, the Water Commission recommended that a letter of thanks be presented and that a \$6,000.00 bonus be paid to Mr. Carr for his

exemplary performance during one of the worst winters for frost in many decades.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by James T. Spangenberg, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Kathy DeMatthew made a motion, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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