



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*

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, J. Jordan, A. Wheeler, R. King, M. Kosterman, R. Pace, A. Lesnjak, J. Guttenberg, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, D. Lynaugh, K. Wanggaard, J. Engel, R. Leffler, S. Dettmann

PRESENT: 5 - Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrom, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart and Thomas Friedel

EXCUSED: 2 - Gary Becker and Michael Staeck

2. Approval of Minutes for the January 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [08-1755](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A) Great Lakes Compact
- B) Oak Creek/Caledonia Water Agreement
- C) New Meter Supervisor
- D) New Coagulant Trials

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

4. [08-1758](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract W-08-2, 2008 Water Main Replacements - Phase I

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-08-2 and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the low bid of Earth X on Contract W-08-2, 2008 Water Main Replacements - Phase I, in the amount of \$617,612.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

5. [08-1759](#) **Subject:** Bid Opening Results on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacements - Phase II

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-08-3 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 Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. on Contract W-08-3, 2008 Water Main Replacements - Phase II, in the amount of \$506,560.80. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

6. [08-1647](#) **Subject:** Request from Village of Mt. Pleasant to Reclassify a Regional Main for Water Main Oversizing on Hwy. V South Extended

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a request from Crispell-Snyder, Inc. in which the Village of Mt. Pleasant is asking that a main on CTH V extended south be a regional main. He recommended approval of the oversizing request based upon a recommendation from Ruekert-Mielke.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the payment for oversizing of the main on CTH V south extended from a 12" to a 16" main. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

7. [08-1756](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Earth Tech for Saturday Inspection Services for the Sixth Street Water Main Construction Project

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that the Utility received a proposal from Earth Tech for Saturday inspection services for the Sixth Street water main construction project. He noted that it would be in the Utility's best interest because we do not have enough manpower to do this extra work and would have to have employees work overtime. He recommended approval of this proposal.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pellegrom, to approve the proposal from Earth Tech for Saturday inspection services for the Sixth Street water main construction project in an amount not to exceed \$17,625.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

8. [08-1760](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Earth Tech for Additional Public Involvement Regarding Construction on Sixth Street

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager received a copy of an Earth Tech amendment from the City of Racine regarding the Sixth Street construction project. He explained that the City of Racine and the Water Utility are in a shared arrangement in that the Utility will help pay for a portion of the cost. Therefore, the amendment asks for a payment from the Utility for public involvement activities regarding this project. He recommended approval of the Water Utility's portion of the payment to be made to the City of Racine.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve payment to the City of Racine in the amount of \$1,773.31 for Amendment No. 3 for public involvement activities associated with the Sixth Street construction project. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

9. [08-1787](#)

Subject: Letter from Ray Leffler Expressing an Interest in Purchasing a portion of the Newman Road Property

Recommendation: Defer

Mr. Ray Leffler was present at the meeting. He explained that he was interested in purchasing a portion of property on Newman Rd., which the Water Utility currently owns, for the purpose of constructing a nursing home and assisted living complex. A discussion was held regarding ownership of the land. The General Manager explained that it was similar to when the Utility purchased 14 acres of the former Walker property and sold the 10-acre balance to the City for further development opportunities. The Commission supported the General Manager's request to write a communication to the City's Finance and Personnel Committee to offer the remaining unused portion of the property for sale to the City. The General Manager stated that the Utility was not ready at this time to make any commitments, so he asked to defer this item.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pellegroni, to defer this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred

10. [08-1757](#)

Subject: Update on New Berlin Water Talks

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager noted that he met with the Mayor of New Berlin, the New Berlin Chairman of Public Works and Ruekert-Mielke for the purpose of discussing how the Racine Water Utility could furnish water to New Berlin. He noted that New Berlin is also negotiating with Milwaukee. He asked if he could be authorized to pay for half of the cost for a study to be made as to whether it would be in New Berlin's best interest to contract with the Racine Water Utility for their water supply. Furthermore, that if (after the study was made) they decided not to contract with the Racine Water Utility, the Racine Water Utility would be reimbursed for their portion of the cost of the study.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to defer this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Wastewater 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.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to move the meeting into closed session at 4:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

11. [08-1761](#) **Subject:** Report on the Review of the Annual Non-Represented Employee Compensation Package for 2008

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held regarding the non-represented employee compensation package for 2008.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to move the meeting into open session at 4:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

12. [08-1762](#) **Subject:** Request to Approve the Annual Non-Represented Employee Compensation Package for 2008

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pellegrum, to approve the annual non-represented employee compensation package for 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

13. Other Business

No other business to report.

14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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