



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Wastewater Commission

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Secretary Brian Anderson, Mayor Gary Becker
Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Roberto Garza
Robert Pucely, Richard Anderson, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew
Jeff Pellegrom, Mike Andreasen, Daryl Lynaugh, John Hewitt*

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

4:30 PM

City Hall - Room 205

1. PUBLIC HEARING - Racine and Environs Sanitary Sewer Service Area Amendment for the Village of Caledonia

2. **Roll Call**

*OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, N. Sanders, A. Lesnjak, R. Gilbreath, R. Pace,
A. Wheeler, B. Pucely, K. Wanggaard, M. Olson*

PRESENT: 12 - Thomas Friedel, Michael Staeck, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrom, John Hewitt, Gary Becker, Brian Anderson, Mike Andreasen, Daryl Lynaugh and Robert Lui

EXCUSED: 3 - Ronald D. Hart, Roberto Garza and Richard Anderson

3. **Approval of Minutes for the March 2007 Meeting**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lui, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on March 27, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

4. [07-0492](#) **Subject:** Budget Expenditures for March 2007 totaling \$1,127,331.32

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Andreasen, to approve the budget expenditures for March 2007 totaling \$1,127,331.32. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

5. [07-0496](#) **Subject:** Adoption of SEWRPC Resolution on the amendment to the Racine and environs sewer service area

Recommendation: Defer

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

Deferred

6. [07-0493](#) **Subject:** Project Reports

A. Grove Ave. Storage Basin - Keith Haas

Recommendation: Receive and File

A project report was given by the General Manager.

Received and Filed

7. [07-0495](#) **Subject:** Sewer Extension Request from C. J. Engineering for Parkview Phase III Subdivision in Caledonia

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager stated that the Chief Engineer reviewed the plans for a sewer extension for the Parkview Phase III subdivision. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Andreasen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the request from C.J. Engineering for a sanitary sewer extension for the Parkview Phase III subdivision in the Village of Caledonia. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

8. [07-0327](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Aldermen of the 5th District and 11th District wishing to discuss the possibility of installing and leasing of conduit to carry fiber optic cable for other companies.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

(4-10-07): The item be referred to the Water and Wastewater Utility for their consideration to install duct work along with their projects both within and outside the City of Racine.

Further recommend that the item be referred to the City Attorney's office for review of the City of Milwaukee's ordinance pertaining to the installation of ducts and its adaptability to the City of Racine. The City Attorney's office is to report their findings back to the Public Works and Services Committee.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Recommendation of the Waterworks & Wastewater Commissions

(4-24-07): Defer until City Attorney reviews City of Milwaukee's ordinance pertaining to the installation of ducts and its adaptability to the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Andreasen, to defer this item until the City Attorney has reviewed the City of Milwaukee's ordinance pertaining to the installation of ducts and its adaptability to the City of Racine. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Secretary Brian Anderson , seconded by Mike Andreasen, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED

9. [07-0497](#) **Subject:** Bypass Report #8 Lift Station

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager notified the Commission that the Wastewater Utility had a bypass at Lift Station No. 8 on April 1 due to a power outage by WE Energies and a failed FR Activator on the emergency generator, which has been replaced since. He noted that he expected to receive some communication from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on this particular bypass. The DNR was notified in accordance with their rules.

Received and Filed

10. [07-0498](#) **Subject:** Request to enlist outside legal counsel for sewer agreement issues

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager stated that he received a request from Raymond to be added to the sewer service area. He noted that the Utility had to deny his request because they are not a party to the Intergovernmental Sewer Service Agreement at this time. They would also have to request sewer capacity in order to be added to the sewer service area. The General Manager requested, at which time Raymond would request to become a party to the sewer service agreement, that the Utility could enlist outside legal counsel on this issue. He made this request because of the fact that the City Attorney's office is not currently familiar with the document.

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Andreasen, to authorize the General Manager to enlist outside legal counsel for sewer agreement issues relating to the Town of Raymond. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

RECESS TO ROOM #301 - Because of constraints on conference room space, President Friedel announced that the meeting would be moved from Room #205 to Room #301 at 5:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Wastewater Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) and (e) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations regarding Local 2807 AFSCME, AFL-CIO. It is the intent that Open Session will follow Closed Session.

11. [07-0313](#) **Subject:** Local 2807 Contract Update

Recommendation: Receive and File

The Commissioners were given an update on the status of the Local 2807 contract agreement.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

12. [07-0503](#) **Subject:** Local 2807 Contract Ratification

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Andreasen, to approve the Local 2807 contract for 2006-2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

13. Other Business

A. The General Manager introduced Michael Gitter as the new Chief of Operations for the Water and Wastewater Utilities.

B. The General Manager noted that if anyone was going to go to the WEFTEC conference in October, to please contact Nancy Sanders as soon as possible.

14. **Adjournment**

There being no other business, Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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