



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Waterworks Commission

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

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Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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, M. Kosterman, S. Cryer, H. Stacey, C. Adamczyk, K. Morgenson, R. Gilbreath, K. Wanggaard, C. Regalia, A. Lesnjak, C. Wright, R. King, M. Carr, E. Trudrung, T. Pruitt, A. Beyer, A. Harrington, J. Muratore*

**PRESENT:** 6 - John Dickert, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz, Thomas Friedel, James Morgenroth and Thomas Bunker

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Ronald Hart and James Spangenberg

#### 2. Approval of Minutes for the January 2016 Meeting

A motion was made by Secretary DeMatthew, seconded by Bunker, that this file be to Approve the Minutes

#### 3. [0112-16](#)

**Subject:** Project Reports:

- A) Retirement of Rick King - Maintenance Supervisor
- B) MSOE - Social Engineering Class
- C) Update on High Lift VFD Project
- D) Upcoming Debt Refinancing
- E) Oak Creek Water Rate Increase

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Project reports were given by staff.*

**Received and Filed**

#### 4. [0113-16](#)

**Subject:** Bid Opening Results on Contract W-16-3, 2016 Water Main Replacements - Phase 1

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The Chief of Operations submitted the bid results on Contract W-16-3 in the amount of \$508,240.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that*

*being A. W. Oakes & Son, Inc.*

**A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Mayor Dickert, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 4 - Dickert  
Schwarz  
Morgenroth  
Bunker

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Hart  
Spangenberg

**ABSTENTIONS:** 1 - DeMatthew

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Dickert made a motion, seconded by Bunker, to move the meeting into Closed Session at 4:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

It is the intent that the Waterworks Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved and Section 19.85(1)(e) to consider the purchase of public lands and strategy where bargaining reasons require a Closed Session. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

- 5. [0110-16](#)      **Subject:** Obtaining Permits for the Construction of New Water Mains in 2016 - Attorney Emily Ertel Invited to the Meeting

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Discussion was held with regard to obtaining permits for construction of new water mains in 2016.*

**Received and Filed**

- 6. [0133-16](#)      **Subject:** Communication from the General Manager desiring to discuss a matter, which, for competitive and bargaining reasons, requires a Closed Session, and which, if publicly noticed, would compromise such competitive and bargaining reasons - Attorney Tim Pruitt Invited to the Meeting

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

*Attorney Pruitt brought the Commission up to speed on a land purchase agreement for a water metering station.*

**Received and Filed**

**OPEN SESSION**

*Dickert made a motion, seconded by Secretary DeMatthew, to move the meeting into Open Session at 4:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

7. [0134-16](#) **Subject:** Agreement for the Purchase of Public Lands for a Water Metering Station

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager noted that there is an agreement for the sale/purchase of Real property between the Racine Water Utility and Borzynski Brothers Properties for a parcel of land for a water metering station. The General Manager requested authorization to execute all necessary documents related to the acquisition of the Property and Easement, as defined in the Agreement, that are needed for the construction of the water metering station, including letters of agency authorizing the Village of Mt. Pleasant to act as its agent with respect to local, state and federal permits and approvals necessary for the Highway V Water Main Construction project, which includes the land for this water metering station.*

*Furthermore, that the General Manager and Commission President be authorized to sign the agreement.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Dickert, seconded by Secretary DeMatthew, that this file be Approved**

8. [0111-16](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Godfrey Kahn S.C. to Represent the Racine Waterworks Commission and Utility in Matters Concerning Permits Related to Water Main Construction

**Recommendation:** Approve

*The General Manager noted that he received a proposal from Godfrey Kahn S.C. with regard to aiding the Utility in the acquisition of permits for water main construction and requested authorization to sign said proposal.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Dickert, seconded by Bunker, that this file be Approved**

9. [0137-16](#) **Subject:** First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Wholesale Water Service Agreement Between the City of Racine, Racine Water Utility, Village of Caledonia, and the Caledonia Water Utility District

**Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 2/23/16:**

Approve and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Wholesale Water Service Agreement Between the City of Racine, Racine Water Utility, Village of Caledonia, and the Caledonia Water Utility District

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL

**Fiscal Note:** Approval of this item will not result in any expense for the City or the Racine Water Utility

*The General Manager noted that a new developer has purchased property known as Phase II of the Settlement at Hoods Creek in the Village of Mt. Pleasant and said that, in the future, this developer may build more homes on this property, therefore,*

*they would need to have water provided to them. He noted that an agreement has already been executed by Caledonia because the water that flows from the Racine Water Utility to existing properties flow through water mains of the Caledonia Utility. At this time, an amendment to the original Intergovernmental Wholesale Water Service Agreement between the City of Racine, Racine Water Utility, Village of Caledonia and Caledonia Water Utility District is necessary to allow for more territory to be properly served.*

**A motion was made by Bunker, seconded by Mayor Dickert, that this file be Approved**

## **10. Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Dickert made a motion, seconded by Bunker, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

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