

MINUTES
City of New Berlin
Special Utility Committee Meeting
Tuesday May 9, 2006

Members Present: Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Ament, Alderman Harenda, and Commissioner Bob Dude

Absent: Commissioner Jim Morrissey

Others Present: Rick Johnson (Utility Manager), Jim Hart (Utility Supervisor) & Sue Hanley (Office Coordinator Utilities & Streets)

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. declaring a quorum with Jim Morrissey expected later.

ITEM UT C-06 Approval of minutes from March 28th meeting

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve minutes from March 28th meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dude and upon voting the motion passed 4 to 0.

ITEM UT 07-06 Award of Construction Contract for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project in Gatewood Subdivision

Rick Johnson said the contract is for the design work, engineering, looking at the CCTV tapes, and inspection of the project when it gets under way. Alderman Harenda said that we did not bid out the design work since Crispell Snyder started with Phase 1 and then rolled into Phase 2 and will also do the inspection. Mr. Johnson said correct. Alderman Harenda asked if Crispell Snyder has been within their proposals in the past. Mr. Johnson said yes.

Commissioner Dude asked what the budgeted amount was for this project and why it was so much higher than the contracted amount for this project. Rick Johnson said that at the time when we were preparing the budgets, we did not know the extent of the work that would require replacing and what could be just relined. Commissioner Dude complimented that the bid that came in prior to the alternate bid item added, was only 2.3% higher than the estimate given by Crispell Snyder. Mr. Johnson said that Crispell Snyder did the same type of work for us in Parkland Green subdivision and did a good job for us, so we contacted them to do the work for us in Gatewood Subdivision.

Alderman Ament asked Mr. Johnson to explain relining. Mr. Johnson explained that a machine puts a liner inside of the sewer pipe itself and they don't have to dig up anything between the manholes. Mr. Johnson said that they open up one manhole and bypass the flows, then push a plastic liner through it which adheres to the pipe itself. After that is completed, they go back and cut out the people's laterals.

Alderman Ament asked why we are doing manhole rehabilitation when we went through this in the past. Mr. Johnson answered that over time even after you do work on a manhole, because of how the ground moves and different things that happen with the sewer system, you do develop a leak sooner or later. Upon investigating Staff found that there were some manholes that needed to be repaired and as long as we are going to reline them, we felt it was better to repair the manholes and stop all of the infiltration right away.

Commissioner Dude asked if we are keeping a running tab for what the City has spent on I & I so far. He suggested documenting that and getting the information out to the public and MMSD. Alderman Gallagher said that the number is very visible with regard to the possible litigation with the state, so they are very much aware of how much we have spent on I & I. Mr. Johnson said that this rehab project will show MMSD that we are working on reducing I & I and hopefully will help us get more capacity in those basins in the future if we need it. Alderman Gallagher asked if some staff member could write an article in the quarterly leaflet to brag about how much we are doing on reducing I & I.

Alderman Harenda said that we are spending \$660,000 on the project, but what did we spend on investigating the lines? Mr. Johnson answered that we did the work in-house by televising and cleaning of the main, which is part of our maintenance program. Mr. Johnson said after reviewing the tapes it was determined that these areas are in need of repair and/or replacement.

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend to Common Council to approve the award of Construction contract for Sanitary Sewer re-lining, replacement, manhole grouting, testing and sealing in Gatewood Subdivision to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, in the amount of \$629,520.50 for a total project cost not to exceed \$659,520.50. Source of Funds: Wastewater Account 81001131.52030. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and upon voting the motion passed 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 4:29 p.m. by Alderman Harenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dude and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzette Hanley - Office Coordinator, Utilities & Streets