

**MINUTES**  
**City of New Berlin**  
**Utility Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 24, 2005**

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

Others Present: Ray Grzys (Director of Utilities & Streets), Steve Schultz (Ruekert & Mielke) and Suzette Hanley (Office Coordinator Utilities & Streets)

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm declaring a quorum with all members present.

**ITEM UT F-05 Approval of minutes from April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Motion by Alderman Harenda to approve the minutes from the April 12<sup>th</sup> Special Utility Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ament and the motion passed 4 to 0 with Commissioner Dude voting present.

**ITEM UT G-05 Approval of minutes from April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Motion by Commissioner Dude to approve the minutes from the April 26<sup>th</sup> Utility Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and upon voting the motion passed 4 to 0 with Alderman Gallagher voting present.

**ITEM UT H-05 Approval of minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Motion by Alderman Harenda to approve the minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> Special Utility Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ament and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM UT 12-04A Milwaukee Water Construction Update #9**

Steve Schultz from Ruekert & Mielke presented the 9<sup>th</sup> update for the Milwaukee Water Construction project. He stated that there has been little change in the Greenridge pumping station since it is 99% completed, with grass growing, other areas seeded and all bricks the same color. He added that they had to install a lot of pipes, control valves and meters in a tight area in the building, with some Milwaukee water going into the reservoir there and other water directly into the system. Alderman Gallagher asked what the highest pressure was in the facility? Mr. Schultz answered right around 100 lbs.

Commissioner Dude asked how many pumps would have to be replaced with larger ones if the City could obtain water for the entire service area? Mr. Schultz thought about 3 of the pumps would have to be replaced, and added that frames were built to handle larger generators and pumps in the event that we need them.

Commissioner Dude asked why the building did not have a sprinkler system? Steve Schultz replied that it is not required and the only source of flame and fire is electrical. He said that fire extinguishers in the building are electrical, and there is fire door construction in the chemical room. Alderman Harenda asked if the chlorine will be removed? Mr. Schultz replied that we have to retain standby chlorination. Director Grzys added that if chlorination is required, liquid chlorine would be installed and that this could be installed at a moment's notice. To store the liquid would not be practical due to the short shelf life of the product.

Steve Schultz said that the motor control center controls the system with stations fully capable of local control; however, the SCADA monitoring system is at the Utility office at Well 7.

Mr. Schultz said that the construction at the Grange Avenue pumping station is catching up and they will start doing restoration work, aggressively patching grass and asphalt driveways. He noted that painting is going on and then pumps will be tested. He added that there is not as much piping at the Grange Avenue station since there is no reservoir. Ruekert & Mielke crews will be keeping an eye on the punch list and alerting the contractor of any areas that are settling. He said that the station is still on track for start-up in a few weeks, and that outside lighting and other aesthetics will be completed after start-up.

Mr. Schultz said that they will be pumping some water into the system approximately June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will fine-tune the system.

Jim Morrissey asked for clarification about the delays caused by the mismarking. Steve Schultz explained that SBC had mismarked the site after they were notified to mark it based on a Digger's Hotline request, and they had also indicated it was all clear at a pre-construction meeting. Mr. Schultz continued that when digging started, there was a cable right in the middle of the boring pit and this had to be redesigned to work around the problem. He said that R & M has been working with Selzer-Ornst who has been great to work with. Director Grzys added that R & M is still keeping track of the time the project has been delayed, and the expense caused by things such as blanketing the building since they had to work on it in winter, etc. He added that SBC was sent a letter alerting them to the fact that they will be receiving a bill for the expenses, and hopefully they will pay the expenses, otherwise we will have to take another route.

Director Grzys said that they have been meeting at the Grange Avenue pumping station worksite every 2 weeks to have an update meeting, and that pumping is scheduled to start June 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by training and flushing of the system. He added that the goal is still to have the system online July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Director Grzys added that they had to pull the pump out of the Greenridge station, but they are not going to abandon it, but will cap it off instead. He said that we have 5 years to decide what to do with it, and this leaves other options available such as using it as a reservoir.

Director Grzys stated that there will be a Public Information meeting on Milwaukee Water project as well as Step 2 of the PSC approved water rate increase on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Council Chambers. Steve Schultz will be presenting a Powerpoint presentation showing the Milwaukee water project construction, as well as answering questions. Carrie Lewis and one of her staff will also be available to answer questions. This will be broadcast on cable. He added that there will be system map showing the dividing east and west line, which is not a straight line, and that there would also be a list of customers who will be receiving Milwaukee water.

Commissioner Dude asked if there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony? Director Grzys replied that he is working with the Mayor's office and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett to hold an event on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and will invite the news media and other dignitaries to tour the facilities.

Commissioner Dude asked if we would be showing information on the savings that residents will receive by not having to use a water softener and salt? Mr. Schultz said that we can do an average basis, since some systems recharge daily, and others every few weeks. Mr. Dude also said we may want to include a cost savings to the City by not having to put those 2 wells into radium compliance. Mr. Schultz said that he would look into that. Director Grzys added

that we will emphasize that the rate change will be the same for both sides of the dividing line, since the cost of Milwaukee water is about the same as the cost for radium compliance on our other wells.

**Item 13-04    Legal Rights Concerning MMSD Issues**

Alderman Gallagher said that this item remains tabled. Director Grzys said that Attorney Blum has received information from the Attorney General, and should be presenting it at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Harenda at 6:46 pm. Seconded by Alderman Ament and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Suzette Hanley - Office Coordinator, Utilities & Streets*