

MINUTES
City of New Berlin
Utility Committee Meeting
Tuesday September 28, 2004

Members Present: Aldermen Gallagher, Ament and Harenda, and Robert Dude

Excused: Director Grzys

Others Present: Rick Johnson (Utility Manager), Larry Wilms (Division Engineer), Greg Bolin (Ruekert & Mielke) and John Jansen (Aquifer Science & Technology)

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm and declared a quorum. Director Grzys was excused from the meeting.

UT 19-04 Approve agreement with Aquifer Science & Technology for Engineering Service dealing with the Radium Consent Order

John Jansen from Aquifer Science & Technology said that this agreement was to conduct geophysical well logs on the City of New Berlin wells #1 and #3. The objective of the logging work is to evaluate the options for reducing radium levels by reconstructing the wells. He added that this is similar to the work performed on Well 8 to successfully reduce hardness and total dissolved solids. Mr. Jansen stated that when the agreement is signed that will develop plans and specifications to solicit quotes for services to remove the well pumps, conduct static (non-pumping) logs, install purge pumps with drop pipes, purge the wells, conduct dynamic (pumping) logs, and collect water samples. Through this testing, he said, that will evaluate to see if the well can be reconstructed to reduce radium, and that this work is required under the consent order with the DNR.

Alderman Harenda stated that if possible, he would like to put this work off until after the Annex 2001 meeting and until we get information on a variance. Mr. Jansen answered that it was his understanding that there would be no extensions from the DNR. Alderman Gallagher added that recent developments were favorable for the City regarding Great Lakes water. Alderman Ament asked if it would hurt putting off a decision for one month, and still meet the December 2006 radium consent order deadline? Mr. Jansen stated that the work should be done during low pumping seasons, but that he felt waiting a month would not hurt.

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to table UT 19-04. Seconded by Alderman Ament, and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 12-04A Milwaukee Water Construction Update #4

Greg Bolin from Ruekert and Mielke presented the 4th construction update. He stated that the Water main work was completed at 124th and Weatherstone, work at Well 8 site was completed; and Sunny Slope Road was 90% completed. He added that Grange Ave boring work is complete and Grange Ave is completed from Sunny slope to 100 feet west of Balboa with 2 crews working and a 3rd on the way. He added that the 2 pumping stations projects are on schedule but that the water main projects were a little behind due to the SBC locate problems. He added that they are calculating damages from the SBC locates that the City should be able to recover.

Mr. Bolin said that Rick Johnson talked to the contractor about using extra crews to get back on schedule, and is aware of the penalty of \$600 per day. He added that if a 3rd crew shows up, they should be able to make up the lost time.

Alderman Harenda said that he has been receiving a few calls on the dust problem at Sunny Slope and that the contractors need to be neater. He added that he was out of town, but had read about the trees on Grange Avenue being a concern but that Rick and Mel were working on these problems. Mr. Bolin said that he would talk to the contractor regarding the dust problem.

Alderman Gallagher asked Ruekert and Mielke to write another letter to the contractor stressing that they need to meet their deadline and remind them that the City is aware of the penalties in the contract.

ITEM L-04 Approval of Minutes from August 24th meeting

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to approve the minutes from the August 24th Utility Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ament and upon voting the motion passed 3-0 with Commissioner Dude abstaining since he was not in attendance.

Item 20-04 Communication from Resident

Alderman Gallagher stated that the Committee and Council received a letter from Robert Dugan regarding selling the sewer capacity to the Town of Brookfield Sanitary District #4, and as far as he could tell, this is a done deal with the Town of Brookfield. He asked Mr. Dugan if he would like to comment.

Robert Dugan stated his address as P.O. Box 430, Wales, Wisconsin and stated that he owns the corners of Johnson and Highway 59 and Johnson and Lincoln Avenue. He stated that a few years ago he petitioned the City to bring the sewer across Highway 59 and explained his situation. He further suggested that the City release him to deal with the Town of Brookfield directly.

Larry Wilms, division Engineer stated that the City held a Public Hearing regarding this issue and of the 75 property owners that were sent letter, only 20 attended the hearing with 15 opposed to sewer connection and 5 in favor. He added that Mr. Dugan was not in attendance. After further discussion, Alderman Gallagher stated that Mr. Dugan be directed to the City Attorney regarding this issue.

UT 13-04 City Attorney research on the Legal Rights concerning MMSD Issues

Alderman Gallagher stated that this item remains tabled.

UT 17-04 Award Construction contract – Well Pumphouse #8

Rick Johnson stated that this project was in the approved C.I.P. budget Account 107(working capital) for 2004, but that it came in a little over that amount because of increased costs in materials. Mr. Johnson said that funds would be transferred from the Chemical Feed Pump (working capital) account to cover the shortage. He stated that the requested action was to approve the building addition for Pump station #8 to Ray Stadler Construction, Inc in the amount of #88,000. This also includes the legal, engineering service, administration and contingencies at a cost of \$16,000, with the total construction project cost not to exceed \$104,000.

Alderman Gallagher asked if we should gamble and wait on doing this work until we see if we can get the City of Milwaukee water for the entire system?

Mr. Johnson responded that this pump station had a wooden shed and cyclone fence, which presented freezing problems and security problems. This well had not been used much in the winter, but because of the Milwaukee water project and rehabilitation of wells #1 and #3, this well will be used all winter and the City needs it to be secure from freezing and possible security issues.

Alderman Harenda asked the age of the well and Mr. Johnson replied that it was constructed in the late 80's and there was no building in the initial construction. Mr. Johnson emphasized that the Utility did not use this well much in the winter before, but because of the construction and rehab of wells, it will be a major producer this winter.

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to recommend to Council to approve the building addition contract for pump station #8 to Ray Stadler Construction, inc. of Wauwatosa in the amount of \$88,000. Also included are legal, engineering service, administration and contingencies at a cost of \$16,000. Source of funds is Account 107 (working capital) in the 2004 CIP budget. The total construction project cost is not to exceed \$104,000. Seconded by Commissioner Dude and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Item 18-04**Approval of 2005 Water and Wastewater Budgets**

Alderman Gallagher stated that with Director Grzys absent, that this item should probably be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Dude said that he spent several hours with Ray Grzys, Ralph Chipman, and Rick Johnson and went through this budget line by line. He complimented Ray and Rick for a good job and coming in under budget of 2 years ago. Commissioner Dude stated that he specifically asked for the Milwaukee Water project items to be segregated (\$34,050), and if we eliminate this amount, the Water Utility budget is 3% less than the previous year. He also noted that there is a 2% revenue increase in the 3rd quarter of 2004 and a 2nd increase of 23% will go into effect when the City of Milwaukee water is on stream. Commissioner Dude asked that the Utility present the Committee with the figures including this 2nd increase.

Commissioner Dude stated that the Wastewater budget contained two items that increased it by \$2 million, but that both were imposed by MMSD. He continued that if these items were stripped away from the Wastewater budget, the base increase is 1.88%, which he stated was acceptable.

Alderman Gallagher stated that this item would be held until the next meeting when Director Grzys would be in attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Harenda at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dude and upon voting passed unanimously.