

Minutes

City of New Berlin Special Utility Committee Meeting

June 19, 2003

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Utility Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Members Present: Aldermen Gallagher, Harenda and Ament, Bob Dude (Citizen Member) and Ray Grzys (Director of Utilities and Streets)

Others Present: Attorney Mark Blum, Steve Schultz (Ruekert & Mielke), Rick Johnson (Utility Supervisor),

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ITEM 30-02A Alternative Lake Michigan Water Supply (*Discussion only*)

Alderman Gallagher asked Steve Schultz about the cost of obtaining water from Oak Creek. Mr. Schultz responded that the cost analysis previously completed shows that the infrastructure needed to obtain water from Oak Creek or Franklin would be much more expensive. Further discussions with Oak Creek and Franklin indicated that we would also be required to build a dedicated water main through that city and that the cost of the water itself would be higher. Currently Milwaukee charges approximately \$1.00 per thousand gallons but Franklin pays \$1.56 per thousand gallons.

ITEM 30-02 Agreement with the City of Milwaukee to purchase Water at Wholesale

Director Grzys indicated that the agreement with the City of Milwaukee changed very little from

The last one that the City Attorney had presented at a previous meeting. Steve Schultz said that the only real change was a refinement based on new mapping because the City of Milwaukee was using a map with a slightly different elevation.

Mr. Dude noted that the agreement has fixed costs for New Berlin and Milwaukee, and the price for water is regulated by the PSC. He stated that he pushed for the 20-year contract term, and that we used the City of Menomonee Falls contract as a sample, and added some clauses to protect us. Attorney Blum added that rates are indeed established by the PSC and provisions under the administrative code. If the issue of water supply is disputed, the PSC provides an arbitrator. Wording was also added that the water supply quality and quantity would be consistent with the City of Milwaukee itself within the same pressure zones and he was satisfied with the agreement.

Alderman Harenda thanked the negotiating committee for their work on the contract and stated that he hopes this sets up further regional cooperation between municipalities. Alderman Gallagher expressed concern that the east side of the City will have better water than the west side and that he would like us to pursue extending the Milwaukee water over the Continental divide.

Motion by Mr. Dude to recommend to Council to approve the Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the City of New Berlin for the purchase of water at Wholesale. Second by Alderman Ament and upon voting, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 5:34 pm by Alderman Ament. Second by Alderman Harenda and upon voting, motion passed unanimously.