

# Minutes

## City of New Berlin Utility Committee Meeting

July 2, 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, Larry Wilms (Division Engineer) Steve Schultz (Ruekert & Mielke), Rick Johnson (Utility Supervisor),

Alderman Gallagher declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

### **ITEM F-03 Approval of minutes for June 4, 2003 and June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve the minutes of the June 4th meeting. Second by Commissioner Dude. Upon voting, motion passed unanimously, with Alderman Harenda abstaining since he was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Dude to approve the minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> Special Utility Committee meeting. Second by Alderman Harenda, and upon voting motion passed unanimously.

### **ITEM 01-03A Proposed Ordinance Citywide Private I & I Draft (*Discussion only*)**

Director Grzys stated that Attorney Blum was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the draft for the proposed I & I ordinance. He stated that a separate policy would be written to establish costs and fees associated with the ordinance.

Commissioner Dude commented on the June 2<sup>nd</sup> memo from Greg Kessler, Director of Community Development regarding who would supply the manpower, who would track the permits, who would be performing the inspections, and who would be funding the project. Director Grzys answered that he had met with Mr. Kessler after this memo regarding the issues. The inspections would probably be contracted out, but the permits and tracking would be taken care of in the inspection department.

Alderman Gallagher questioned Larry Wilms regarding alternatives to the program, such as installing a larger pipe. Mr. Wilms responded that this would be cost prohibitive and not a solution. Director Grzys emphasized that the City needs to eliminate clear water from the sewer to make room for more domestic use. Clear water is a violation that adds to the flow. The City doesn't need to pay for water that does not require treatment.

Attorney Blum stated that the City couldn't put something in the ordinance to automatically allow the City to do an inspection. However, we can prohibit clear water infiltration into the sewer system from sump pumps, basements drains etc; perform a general inspection outside of the home and inspect inside if we obtain permission; require a Certificate of Clear Water Mitigation on new construction and at the point of sale; and reimbursement of expenses to property owners for work that is required.

Lengthy discussion regarding the proposed Certificate of Clear Water Mitigation that will be required when a property is sold and there is a change of ownership. The committee discussed the possibility of phasing in various sections of the ordinance, and educating the public through flyers in the water bills, information on the website and cable. Real estates agents would also need to be informed. Commissioner Dude suggested that possibly a PR firm be used as a marketing tool to show the carrot that goes along with the stick.

Mr. Wilms stated that Attorney Blum had done a good job with drafting the ordinance. He added that it was not practical to implement the ordinance in pieces, especially if we find illegal connections when the inspections are done and no money is available. The ordinance provides the guidance to develop the framework for policies and funding of the repairs.

Staff was directed to put together a report to show what money is available now, how much it would cost for each resident, who would supply the manpower for inspections and issuing permits, etc. and provide more specifics.

**ITEM 30-02 Milwaukee Water Design (Informational)**

Director Grzys reported that the City of New Berlin has a signed Water Agreement with the City of Milwaukee for Lake Michigan Water and that we need to meet with Ruckert and Mielke to review the design work, land acquisition and easements. Steve Schultz from Ruckert and Mielke will provide monthly updates regarding where they are spending design money, time, etc. Discussion was made regarding making sure the design can be expanded in the future. Mr. Schultz assured the committee that the water mains were designed for a "fire flow" condition and that pumphouses allow for expansion.

**ITEM 48-02A Change Order request #4 from T.V. John & Son for Well #11**

Director Grzys announced that Well 11 began pumping water on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Change order #4 for \$5,424.34 reflects the cost for changing to the Accu-Tab system, and to reimburse the contractor for difficulties in making a connection to the existing water main. He added that the Utility department assisted the contractor with this problem and worked through the night to keep these costs down. Alderman Harendt asked what the cost of the Accu-tab system was vs. the cost of the chlorine system. Director Grzys stated that they are about the same, but in the future more stringent rules may cause the City to change all pump stations to tabs.

Motion by Alderman Harendt to recommend to Council to authorize change order request #4 from T.V. John & Son Inc for revising chemical feed system, additional cost to connect existing water main and to adjust (deduct) on estimated quantity of materials for fill changes at a cost of \$5,424.34. Second by Commissioner Dude and upon voting, motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 12-03 Preliminary Special Assessment Resolution – Small Road (Beloit to Moorland Rd) Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Extensions**

Director Grzys stated that the proposed infrastructure is in response to the Utilities concern of City Well #10 losing 20 feet of water table since 1998. This lower water table could cause problems with private property owner's wells. The recommendation of the Utility is to install both water and sanitary and attack the problem before it comes up.

Alderman Harendt said he had a problem with this proposal because he was not aware of this proposal and that some of the residents in this area were planning to install mound systems. Alderman Gallagher reflected his concern that there are not a lot of homes or parcels in this

area to share the cost. Alderman Ament asked when Well #10 was installed (1998). This area is an island in an area that is served by City water and sewer. Commissioner Dude asked if information could be given to the committee regarding other "islands" in the City that do not have water and sewer while the area around them is serviced.

Motion by Alderman Ament to drop the recommended action of adopting a Preliminary Special Assessment Resolution. Second by Alderman Harendt and upon voting, the motion carried unanimously.

The committee said that an opinion survey should be done as a separate issue to determine if the residents desire water and sewer. Director Grzys noted this request.

**ITEM Informational Update**

Director Grzys stated that he included a copy of the DNR Annual Inspection Report showing that the New Berlin Water Utility was in good condition. He thanked Rick Johnson and the staff for their work. Utility Department project updates were also provided, as well as a letter from Layne Northwest who is providing a temporary pump at no additional cost, to use while Well 10 is being re-built.

Motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm by Commissioner Dude. Second by Alderman Harendt and upon voting, motion passed unanimously.