

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

March 06, 2002

Members Present: Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Ament, Alderman Thomas, Robert Dude (Citizen Member), Michael Holzinger (Director Finance and Utility)

Others Present: Mayor Wysocki, Rick Johnson (Utility), Larry Wilms (Division Engineer) Tom Ludwig (R.A. Smith and Assoc) Steve Schulz (Ruekert Mielke)

Alderman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

ITEM C-02 Approval of Minutes of February 06, 2002 meeting

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve the minutes of the Utility Committee meeting of

February 06, 2002. Second by Mr. Dude, and passed unanimously.

ITEM 31-99 LSSES Summary Report Presentation/Final Project

Presentation by Tom Ludwig of R.A. Smith and Associates. PowerPoint, graphic charts, and maps give the committee an overall view of what has been and is being done in the area of manhole inspection and rehabilitation, and the I and I flow monitoring.

In closing, Mr. Ludwig identified problem focus areas, Honey Lane; 162nd Street; Deer Creek; and a section of Greenfield Avenue. Finally, he suggested possible measures the city may want to consider in the rehab effort, one of which would be an emergency warning system hooked up to the SCADA system.

Mr. Wilms summarized Mr. Ludwigs presentation, and informed the committee that the next phase will be to complete the report, and identify what rehab work will be necessary. He stated he is hopeful we will have several good size storms this summer, and that will provide some good information with which to analyze the success of the work all ready done. A part of the study not yet discussed is the technique of smoke testing, and the areas of the city, which will most benefit from it.

Questions raised by the committee included the number of actual manholes, the reasons for the discrepancies in those numbers; the findings of the study to determine where there are illegal hookups, and how those will be handled; the patterns and frequency of the rainfall issue, and the planned implementation of the emergency warning system. Finally, there were questions raised in regard to the authorization of dollars approved for amendments to the original contract, and why those amendments were not brought to committee.

Mr. Wilms responded, and after lengthy debate on the individual amendments, it was decided that this item be deferred to the special committee meeting to be held on March 12th, in order to allow the committee additional time to consider the cost being requested.

ITEM 18-01 Sprinkling Restriction Schedule

Motion by Mr. Dude to establish a sprinkling restriction policy to allow for daily watering, even addresses even days, and odd addresses, odd days, with no time restrictions. Second by Mr. Holzinger, and approved

unanimously.

Several committee members voiced the opinion that the proposed sprinkling restrictions are too severe, and would like to see it expanded.

Mayor Wysocki addressed the committee with recollections of the summer of 2001, and the effects on the city, and staff resulting from the draught. He reminded the committee that our water supply is no better currently than at this time last year, and should we experience a repeat of last years rainfall shortage, should a well go down, or a mechanical failure cause problems, we would be hard pressed to supply the water required. While he is not in complete agreement with the restrictions as proposed, he will defer to Mr. Holzinger and Mr. Johnson who would prefer a pro-active approach rather than the implementation of reactionary measures.

Additional discussion resulted in a compromise of the restrictions as proposed. The policy that will go forward will allow even addresses sprinkle on even days, and odd addresses sprinkle on odd days, with the allowance of light sprinkling of annuals and perennials on a daily basis. Special permits will again be given out for the installation of new lawns. The new restrictions are contingent on the weather, and well conditions, and will be subject to change with committee approval.

ITEM 06-02 Year End Financial Report

Consensus of the committee to table until April meeting.

ITEM 10-02 Professional Services Agreement for Future Water Needs

Planning and Design

Opening statements by Mr. Holzinger in regard to the City and citizens of New Berlin looking ahead, and the preparation of a timeline, whether we are successful in obtaining Milwaukee water or not. He has asked Mr. Schulz to prepare that timeline and the needs in preparation for future water supplies.

Presentation by Steve Schulz of Ruckert Mielke with regard to DNR rules and regulations, and that they are currently not willing to approve anything over the divide; that we need to look at the immediate needs, now being done with the drilling of Well No. 11; that once Well No. 11 is drilled, we need to approve Well Head protection plan; and ultimately a Well Protection Ordinance.

In speaking with Milwaukee Water, Mr. Schulz was told that the quantities we have requested of them are available. That would satisfy the demands of the area east of the subcontinental divide which the DNR does not have a problem with. That would free up the remaining supply for the west side.

Additional presentation of the plan and design aspects of the proposal, options for the current radium problems, and the up front work that will need to be done in preparation.

Questions from the committee include the way in which the proposal is structured so that we are not committing to the purchase of Milwaukee water; what part of this proposal do we need to approve immediately to get Well No. 11 up and running; the moving of funds from one account to another; whether or not these costs and fees are reasonable; and finally are we sure that the scope of services is what we want and need. The committee would also like to see, in light of the earlier contract, some guarantees that someone within the City is responsible for bringing any overruns, changes and updates to the committee.

Mr. Wilms recommends the committee authorize staff to finalize the scope of services and fees.

Upon consideration, the committee agrees to further review the entire packet for the April meeting, and to

reintroduce items (1 a 3); (1 b 1) and (1 c 2) for the March 12th meeting.

ITEM 07-02 5 Year Capital Projects(s) and Annual Maintenance Tracking

By general consensus, this item deferred to April meeting

ITEM 08-02 Curb Stop Charges

Brief discussion on whether or not the cost for the repair of curb stops be passed on to the customer.

Committee raised questions on what criteria this charge would be levied, homeowner damage, or time and environment related damage, and what kind of cost would be involved.

Mr. Johnson responded to questions, and informed the committee that they will know more in the near future, as they will be meeting with Wisconsin Electric and Gas to determine the extent and cost of the projects.

Staff is directed to return to the committee when additional information becomes available.

ITEM 09-02 New Utility Meeting Date and Time

Brief discussion with a consensus to defer this item to the April meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Holzinger. Second by Mr. Dude, and approved unanimously.