

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

August 28, 2002

Members Present: Aldermen Gallagher, Ament and Harenda, Michael Holzinger (Director of Finance and Administration) and Mr. Dude (Citizen Member)

Others Present: Mayor Wysocki, Ray Grzys (Director of Streets and Utilities), J.P. Walker (City Engineer) Larry Wilms (Division Engineer), Rick Johnson, (Utility Operations Manager), Steve Schultz, (Ruekert/Mielke) and Mark Thurow (Water Well Solutions)

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

ITEM I-02 Approval of minutes for Aug 07

Motion by Mr. Holzinger to approve the minutes of Aug 07. Second by Mr. Dude and approved unanimously, with Alderman Ament voting present.

ITEM 36-02 Well No 11 – Consolidation of Total Project Funds

Lengthy discussion. Steve Schultz of Ruekert/Mielke presented their case, and Mark Thurow of Water Well Solutions stated the case from their viewpoint. Input from Mr. Walker and Mr. Wilms was also included. A suggestion was made by Mr. Dude that the bill be split three ways, with Ruekert Mielke, Water Well Solutions and the City sharing the cost equally. Alderman Gallagher prefers to take this item to the City Attorney for a legal opinion.

Motion by Alderman Ament to refer this matter to the City Attorney for a legal opinion. Second by Alderman Harenda, and passed with Mr. Dude voting present.

ITEM 39-02 Water and Wastewater Utility Budgets

Mr. Dude begins the discussion with his thoughts on areas that could be cut, or adjusted. He would like to see about \$198,000 cut from this budget, and an overall increase of no more than 3%. He would also like to see more comprehensive goals and assumptions accompany this budget. Mr. Johnson justifies some of the questioned items, and upon review by the committee, the decision is made to refer this item to the new Director of Streets and Utilities, Ray Grzys for his input, and suggestions.

ITEM 40-02 Small Road Claims – Fennig/Carey

Discussion centers on whether or not the City is legally responsible, what precedents exist, and if a problem exists, how will the City deal with future claims. Mr. Holzinger gave a brief explanation of the cases that have come before, informs the committee that the water tables are

indeed dropping, and this issue should be reviewed for the future. Mr. Grzys is directed to research the issue, and prepare a report including future solution scenarios for an upcoming meeting.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to approve a claim in the amount of \$5,775.00 for the Fennigs, and a claim in the amount of \$1,373.71 for the Carey's. Second by Mr. Holzinger, and passed

unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Holzinger at 6:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Dude and approved unanimously.