

Minutes

NEW BERLIN UTILITY COMMITTEE

November 6, 2002

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

Others Present: Mayor Wysocki, City Attorney Mark Blum, Larry Wilms (Division Engineer), Rick Johnson (Operations Manager) Mark Klawitter (Lead Wastewater Operator) and Steve Schultz of Rueckert Mielke.

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

ITEM L-02 Approval of minutes for Oct 02nd

Motion by Mr. Dude to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting. Second by Alderman Ament, and approved with Alderman Harenda voting present.

ITEM 39-01A Marcus Land Purchase – Well 11

Motion by Alderman Ament to move into closed session. Second by Alderman Harenda, and approved unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session are as enumerated in Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session

-Possible Purchase of Land –

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Alderman Ament to move into open session. Second by Alderman Harenda, and approved unanimously.

ITEM 02-02 Meno Falls Request for Brkfld Capacity

Alderman Ament informed the committee that they are currently on hold with this issue, as Menomonee Falls is currently looking at the possible development in the affected area.

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ITEM 20-02 Meter Reading Update

Mr. Grzys presented the committee with the results of staff study of the possible options for reading meters. It was decided that the most cost-effective method of reading would be to hire INVENSYS at a cost of .66 per meter, and purchase two handhelds, including software and training at \$12,000. Total cost

is reflected in the updated budget proposal. At this time, previously budgeted \$11,500 will remain for WE for the first quarter, should INVENSYS not be up and running by that time. Questions were raised in regard to responsibility for equipment, insurance and the proposed 3-year contract. Staff will review those issues.

ITEM 30-02 Milwaukee Water Update

Mr. Dude updated the committee in regard to the ongoing negotiations with the City of Milwaukee for the possible purchase of Milwaukee water. Mr. Dude is of the opinion that the offer presented by Milwaukee is fair and equitable, and recommends New Berlin move forward, upon review of the issues raised by the City Attorney. Mayor Wysocki addressed the committee to voice his opinion on the issue; his concerns for the water supplies for the future, and requested the committee move quickly to make a recommendation to Council. City Attorney Mark Blum clarified possible concerns with the language of the Milwaukee draft agreement. Staff is directed to prepare information in regard to the structure of, the timetable of, and any information that might be included in Public Informational meetings on this issue by the December Utility meeting.

ITEM 39-02 Water/Wastewater 2003 Budgets

Mr. Grzys discussed the changes made to the 2003 Water/Wastewater budgets, and with input from Mr. Dude, detailed those changes, and their impact.

Motion by Mr. Dude to approve the 2003 Water CIP and Operating budgets. Second by Alderman Ament, and approved unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Dude to approve the 2003 Wastewater CIP and Operating budgets. Second by Alderman Ament, and approved unanimously.

ITEM 48-02 Contract Award – Well # 11

Lengthy discussion included the credibility of cost estimates, the 21% difference, the land acquisition delay, and better control over consultant fees. Alderman Harenda would like to see a total project cost, including all phases and fees, and requested staff have those figures available at the December meeting.

Motion by Alderman Ament to recommend Council approve the award of Well # 11 Pumphouse and Connecting Watermain Construction Contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, T.V. John and Sons, Inc., Butler, WI, for \$415,200 for Project # W 141 and waive any irregularities, for a total project cost not to exceed \$506,100 by funding from A/C # 314 and

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conditioned upon DNR approval, and work on the project beginning after final site acquisition. Second by Alderman Harenda, and passed unanimously.

ITEM 49-02 Contract Award – Well Construction Service

Mr. Grzys and Mr. Wilms answered questions raised in regard to why this service is required, what is the City's liability should a problem occur, and whether or not there could be additional costs due to R/M original design and plans. Steve Schultz responded to queries re: the RFP response letter.

Motion by Mr. Dude to recommend Council approve the award of Construction Services to the lowest bidder, Strand Assoc. Inc. for \$23,900 funded by Water Utility A/C # 314 funded by Impact Fees contingent on DNR approval, and site acquisition. Second by Alderman Ament, and passed unanimously.

ITEM 50-02 Contract Award – Valley Spring Ct

Mr. Wilms gave a brief description of the project, and explained that deterioration of aging iron pipes necessitate the work. He went on to explain that this project would improve water service and fire protection in that area. Questions were again raised in regard to the consulting estimates.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to recommend Council approve the award of Watermain Relay Construction Contract for Valley Spring Court to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Underground Pipeline, Inc., New Berlin, WI for \$33,865 for Project # W 17 and waive any irregularities, for a total project cost not to exceed \$45,000 from Water Utility A/C # 343. Second by Mr. Dude, and passed unanimously.

ITEM 51-02 Resolution – Water Main Special Assessment (Moorland Road)

Mr. Wilms explained the purpose, and expected procedure involved in this Resolution. He then responded to questions in regard to zoning in the affected area, benefits to recipients, and the anticipated future development as it relates to the City's master plan. The Mayor requested the floor to reiterate the importance of the resolution going forward.

Motion by Mr. Grzys to recommend Council adoption of Preliminary Special Assessment Resolution # 02-28. A Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments and directing the City Engineer to prepare a report for the Installation of Water Main along Moorland Road in the Moorland Road Assessment District. Second by Mr. Dude, and passed, with Aldermen Gallagher and Ament opposed.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Gallagher at 8:00 p.m. Second by Alderman Harenda, and passed unanimously.

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