

MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE
WATER UTILITY DISTRICT COMMISSION
TOWN BOARD ROOM
UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

Call to Order

Water Utility District Commission President Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Water Utility District Commission members were present: Peter Hansen, Sherry Gruhn, Terrence McMahon, Thomas Johnson and Leo DeBrabander. Also present were Patrick Planton representing SEH, Water Utility District Manager Gary Hanson, Engineer Mark Madsen, Attorney Tim Pruitt, Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney and one other attendee.

New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following:

SEH long-range feasibility and capacity study

Patrick Planton appeared before the Commission to provide a report on SEH's long-range feasibility and capacity study. He provided a summary of the following information contained within the report: existing water system conditions, water usage statistics, water quality and treatment, evaluation of the water system, recommended water system improvements and a review of the water utility's financial state. He also discussed several alternatives for meeting the water utility's future water needs, including the following: no action, constructing a second well, connecting to Racine's water utility with a standby line, becoming a wholesale customer of Racine's water utility, and selling all assets to Racine's water utility and having all existing water utility customers become retail customers of that utility.

Planton noted that the Town's water utility has excellent water pressure, sufficient storage capacity for fire protection purposes and only needs access to an uninterrupted water source. He stated that the utility is in solid financial condition, noting that rate increases will not be necessary in the foreseeable future based upon normal operating expenses. He noted that constructing a new well would cost approximately \$1.5-\$2 million and would result in some water rate increases. Pruitt stated that wholesale customers need to make annual residential equivalency connection fee payments to the Racine Water Utility in lieu of prospective developments paying those fees. Hansen noted that the Racine Water Utility is willing to work with the Town on any of these alternatives and had also expressed interest in purchasing the utility outright. He stated that the Town should keep their options open for the future of this utility. Pruitt noted that special provisions could not be negotiated for the sale of the utility.

No formal action was taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve the July 21, 2015 Water Utility District Commission meeting minutes as presented, Motion Carried (MC).

Approval of Water Utility District Financial Reports

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve the July Water Utility District financial reports as presented, MC.

Approval of Water Utility District Invoices

Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to approve Water Utility District invoices as presented in the amount of \$8,729.89, MC.

New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following:

Rescheduling the September 15, 2015 Water Utility District Commission meeting

McKinney requested that this meeting be rescheduled due to vacation time he is taking in early September.

Motion (McMahon, Hansen) to reschedule the September 15, 2015 Water Utility District Commission meeting to immediately follow the Sewer Utility District Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., MC.

Reports

Water Utility District Manager's Report - Hanson reported to the Commission on the following:

- That Reesman's Excavating and Grading will be repairing damaged water valves in the next few weeks
- That the water utility's chlorination system is currently being repaired
- That water use has dropped significantly within the utility district, adding that the golf course is using much less water than it had in the past

Engineer's Report - Madsen noted that he had no information to report to the Commission.

Clerk's Report - McKinney noted that he had no information to report to the Commission.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled Water Utility District Commission meeting is immediately following the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m. Sewer Utility District Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer