

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**August 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Gering at 6:30 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Gering, Ald. Voss, Ald. Moede

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Tracy Heron, Kathie Wild, Deanna Boldrey, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Smith, Ald. Pasbrig, Bill Linzenmeyer, Vern Hilker, Ron Wellner, Sharon Chmielewski, Marge Nitschke, Sue Smith, Sally Kahlhamer, Wendy Metke, Dan Schmitt, Karl Gentz, Chris Voss, Chuck Brockhaus, Joanne Brockhaus, Tony Persha, Justin Graef

### Item #2 – Approve Minutes of July 21, 2009, meeting.

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Voss to approve minutes of July 21, 2009 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

Wendy Metke asked for an update on the outdoor pool. She noted that the outdoor pool looks like nothing has been done to it, even though money was received from FEMA for the pool. Ald. Gering addressed Wendy's concerns by stating that the shortfalls will have to be addressed in the budget process and the City portion needs to be discussed. Mayor Heron noted that the City did receive money from FEMA and that the City portion would be discussed in the budget process. At that time the fee structure and viability of the outdoor pool will be reassessed. No repairs have been made at this time.

Bob Smith noted that the proposed ordinance for the water softener is another assault on the Citizens of Mayville for no reason. Many residents have a timer on their water softener. This is a problem that the water department has. The condition of the water in the city is such that we need a water softener. The only state that has done this is California. California is trying to do this with carbon filters, and they do not come into the house to inspect the water softener.

Chris Voss of 740 Forest Drive stated he is here for the item on the culvert on 610 Green Bay Dr. He questioned what is the area surveyed at and if the culvert is allowed. Allowing one to do it opens it up for a free for all. Chris noted that this could cause a problem in the neighborhood. He also questioned if this should be done by an engineering firm.

Chuck Brockhaus of 735 Forest Drive questioned what the approval process is for property owners wanting to change a culvert. He was told that the subdivision was engineered for country living, not curb and gutter, and he could not fill his in. This sets a dangerous precedent in the community. Chuck went on to note that people cannot do what they want, then ask for approval. It is not fair to anyone.

### Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

#### **A. Valve Repairs.**

Ron Wellner reported during the annual valve exercising there were six valves found that would not turn. The valves are expensive. The valve on Bridge Street near the Mayville News will be replaced on Friday and the one near the post office box will be replaced in the near future.

#### **B. Radium Well #3.**

Ron Wellner reported that the last radium sample was less than 2 picos per liter. The DNR average is to be under 5 picos per liter.

#### **C. Golf View Lift Station – Damage Claim.**

Alliant denied the damage claim from the utility, but they sent a letter that the problem was caused by single phasing in their system. The claim will be processed through the insurance.

**D. Chlorides.**

**a. Discussion of Chloride Reduction Efforts.**

Ron Wellner reported that the DNR discharge permit requires identifying sources of chloride, educating homeowners, requesting voluntary tune-ups, requesting voluntary support from area plumbers, and requesting voluntary reductions in chlorides from industry and commercial districts. Currently the permit from the DNR allows 860 but that will drop in half. He has talked to surrounding businesses about reducing chlorides and will be sending a letter. Ron also distributed information that will go into the next billing. These are the requirements under the discharge permit from the DNR.

**b. Discuss/Recommend Proposed Water Softener Ordinance.**

Discussion continued to the Water Softener Ordinance. Ald. Smith requested permission for the floor from Ald. Gering. Ald. Smith commented that he has a problem with mandatory anything. Most utilities educate first. Ald. Gering requested the Clerk to read the proposed water softener ordinance. Ald. Smith noted that replacement of the water softeners should not be demanded. Ron Wellner noted that the ordinance is to appease the DNR. Ron stated that Lake Geneva reimburses citizens for the replacements. The DIR water softener cuts the chloride usage in half. Ald. Voss questioned how many other municipalities have this type of ordinance and what Milwaukee is doing. Ald. Hoy had searched and found that the DIR models were approximately \$150 more and use half the salt. Ald. Gering asked Ron Wellner to explain the permit from the DNR. Ron Wellner stated that five years from now there will be a standard for the chloride to be half of what it is now. The DNR wants the city to voluntarily reduce chloride before hand. Ron Wellner noted that there would discussions with Seneca. Motion by Ald. Moede to Recommend Proposed Water Softener Ordinance, second by Ald. Voss with amendment of removing the mandatory inspection. Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Voss to Recommend Proposed Water Softener Ordinance with amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Sewer Jetting.**

Ron Wellner reported that the sewer jetting is complete.

Time and Date of next meeting is September 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Item #5 – Monthly DPW Report.

**A. Report on the Upper and Lower Dam and DNR Requirements and Associated Engineering.**

Vern reported that the DNR website still says information will not be available until September 1, 2009. Kunkel Engineering will have engineering cost estimates. Vern will submit to DNR.

**B. Rescind of Motion Allowing a Culvert Placed by the Property Owner Within Public Right of Way to Remain. RE: Dan Schmitt, 610 River Dr.**

Ald. Moede made a motion to Rescind the Motion to Approve Allowing a Culvert Placed by the Property Owner Within Public Right of Way to Remain. Ald. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Discuss/Approve Allowing a Culvert Placed by the Property Owner Within Public Right of Way to Remain. RE: Dan Schmitt, 610 Green Bay Dr. (Address Correction)**

As an introduction to the item, Vern Hilker read a letter he had written to Dan Schmitt in regards to this item. Ald. Gering requested the clerk to read the minutes from at the previous meeting. Ald. Moede made a motion to Allow a Culvert Placed by the Property Owner Within Public Right of Way to Remain. There was no second. Motion died.

Item #6 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Voss second by Ald. Moede to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna L. Boldrey, City Clerk