

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

Members Present: Voss, Nitschke

Members Absent: Moede

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Smith, Ald. Pasbrig, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Bill Linzenmeyer, Sally Kahlhamer, Don Hillard, Jane Cole, Vern Rehlinger, Joan Bachhuber, Tina Marx, Brad Marx, Barb Pagel, Lois Koch, Roxie Kempfert, Juanita Schultz, June Linzenmeyer, Rick Weber, Gerry Anderson, Rick Hondlick, Karen Hondlick, Richard Guse, Sue Smith, William Thomas, Tony Thomas, Marcus Fink, Nathan Fink, Gene Frings, Scott Lane, Craig Vetter, Tom Jacquot, Terry Hubbard, Mary Gilmeister, Sharon Chmielewski

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of September 16, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Voss, second by Nitschke to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

The Mayor explained that there were a lot of people at the meeting to speak on the Dam discussion. He explained that the DNR representatives were going to be at the meeting however they were not able to come so they would be speaking at next month's meeting. Some people in the audience asked if they could speak after or during the discussion of the dams.

Ald. Nitschke explained that she would allow Vern to give an update on the dams and move Item #6 up on the agenda and allow people to speak after that.

Item #6 – Discuss Options for Dams.

Vern explained that he had Kunkel Engineering prepare a brief report on the conceptual options feasibility report for the upper and lower dam. Vern reviewed the options that were in the report. He explained that in 2007 we received orders from the DNR to do work on the lower dam and that has been complete. He expressed that it is his opinion we need to do a stability analysis for the upper and lower dams before we can decide how to proceed. They have done a study on the hydroelectricity and this isn't feasible. He explained that with removal of dams there still is the problem of funding. He reviewed possible ways to fund the stability analysis. We have budgeted in our current capital improvement plan \$21,000. We also have some money left over from a prior year capital improvement plan where we had budgeted \$25,000 for the emergency action plan that was not all spent. Vern expressed that he would like Kunkel Engineering to discuss with the DNR to determine what is needed for the stability analysis. The DNR has set a November 1, 2009 date to complete the stability analysis. Any necessary work on the dams would have to be completed by 2011. Ald. Smith explained that the pressure to remove the dams isn't coming from the city. It is coming from the DNR. The DNR is giving extra scrutiny to dams and they feel it is a good policy to remove as many dams in Wisconsin as possible. Terry Hubbard asked what the river would look like if the dams were removed. Vern explained that when the dams have been drawn down in the past all that was left was about a 25ft wide creek. The Mayor explained that he has reviewed a lot of materials that deals with questions that will come up and this is the time to ask questions. He feels that after the stability analysis comes back then we will have some questions answered. Dam removal would include the entire community. Tom Jaquet asked if anyone has budgeted for the worst case scenario of the removal/repair of the dams. The Mayor explained that we have put an estimated \$250,000 in our 2011 capital improvement plan to deal with the repairs of the dam. We need to look at all the information now and consider good solid facts to make decisions. There was a discussion as to how the city came up with the \$250,000 figure for the capital improvement plan. Vern explained

that we have some history with the repair of the lower dam. Kunkel Engineering and Vern based the estimate on the experience they had with the lower dam repair. Richard Guse spoke on his concern with how this city will look if the dams were removed. Karen Hondlick explained that she is interested in what kind of pressure the DNR is putting on the city and how they are going to respond. Vern explained that the DNR has issued the city a correction letter. At this point the DNR hasn't issued us any penalties. If we don't comply the city could face monetary penalties along with litigation. Bill Thomas spoke on a carp eradication survey that the DNR did 30 years ago. Nathan Fink expressed that he fishes frequently on the Rock River and is concerned with what is going to be done about all of the fish in the river.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

Kathie read Ron Wellners written report. It is attached to the minutes.

A. Construction Projects

a. 4th Street Lift Station Progress Report.

B. Water Projects

a. Well #3 Radium Results.

b. Hydrant Flushing.

c. Hydrant Recalls.

C. Wastewater Projects

a. Chlorine Mixer/UV Disinfection.

b. Chloride Discharge Permit Requirements.

c. Sewer Cleaning.

Item #5 – Monthly DPW Report.

A. 2008 Resurfacing Report.

Vern reported that for 2008 we decided not to spend our entire resurfacing budget because of budget concerns. However, they have done spot repair in the amount of \$11,200 of the \$80,000 resurfacing budget. They have also undertaken extensive crack filling. They have spent \$4,000 on crack filling material.

B. Discuss/Recommend Snow Removal by Property Owners Ordinance.

Vern reported that the city attorney has reviewed the ordinance and reviewed the changes that the city attorney recommended. Vern reported that the snow removal ordinance is required to be published in the paper every year so he is hoping that the timing will work out that we can get the updated ordinance passed by the November 1st publishing deadline. Motion by Ald. Nitschke to recommend the snow removal by property owners ordinance to council. There was no second. The ordinance will be forwarded to council with no recommendation of a committee.

Item #7 Adjournment.

Motion by Voss, second by Nitschke to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Ronald Wellner
DATE: October 15, 2008

RE: Report to Public Works for meeting October 21, 2008

I am unable to attend the 10/21/08 meeting as I will be attending WEFTEC meeting in Chicago that day.

- Construction projects – 4th St. Liftstation
The pumps have been pulled and temporary pumping equipment is now on line until the new pumps are placed on line. The wet well has been modified to accept the new pumps and the wet well have been coated to prevent grease buildup on the walls. The new pumps and wet well cover are currently being installed. The project is required to be completed by 10/31/08 according to contract.
- Well #3 Radium Results
Radium results were 4.9 pi/l, which although within allowable limits of 5.0 pi/l did not lower as much as we would like to have seen. The DNR stated that they will not take enforcement action unless levels reach 5.5 pi/l. We have now taken the second of the 4 required quarterly samples for radium and are awaiting results. If we pass all 4 quarterly radium samples we will have 3 years until the next radium sample is required.
- Hydrant flushing and testing was completed on October 10th.
- Waterous has recalled some fire hydrants within our distribution system. Mike located the hydrants involved while flushing and labeled them on the flushing report. Davies will be repairing the hydrants in place at no cost to the Utility. There are 38 hydrants in our distribution system that have been recalled. The recall is for a defective operating stem, we have had no failures on the hydrants to date.
- Service Break
There was a service break on the homeowner's water service line at 286 Grove St. discovered 10/08/08. The homeowner hired Town & Country to repair the leak. Due to the severity of the leak water was shut off at the curb stop until repairs were made.
- Chlorine
It is the end of chlorine season and our chlorine mixer went into fail. Last year I recommended to the Utilities Commission during the budget process that we replace the chlorine disinfection system with an ultra violet disinfection system, the request was denied. The new system based on cost estimates has a 5.59 year payback after which we would see \$21,000/year budget expense reduction. Now that the chlorine mixer has failed the payback is more like 4 years. I again made the recommendation for UV disinfection during capital budget discussion. I am in Chicago today looking at the 3 major brands of UV disinfection that will be on display at the WEFTEC meeting.
- Chlorides
Our new discharge permit requires that we take action to begin reduction in our wastewater stream beginning in 2009. Expect flyers on chloride reduction as a bill stuffer sometime in 2009. Chlorides must be removed from the wastewater stream at the source; there are currently no treatment methods available for removal of chloride at the wastewater treatment facility.
- Sewer Cleaning
The last two lines to be cleaned are now complete.

- Time and date of our next meeting November 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant.