

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 2001 AT 8:20 P.M.

CITY WATER DEPARTMENT PRESENT: Chairman Barr, Ald. Rackow, Phillips and Molski

EXCUSED: Ald. Nealis

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Wescott; City Attorney Molepske; City Clerk Zdroik; Admin. Assistant Molepske; Directors Van Alstine, Gardner, Schrader, Disher; Assessor Kuehn; Capt. Daubert; Ald. Walther, Sevenich, Seiser, Moore, Filipiak; Finance Clerk Freeberg; Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette); Matt Mattano (WIZD)

ITEM #1 - ASSESSOR S REPORT

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the report of the Assessor and place it on file.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #2 - ACTIVATE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT 315 WOOD LANE - WERONKE

Finance Clerk Freeberg stated that the Weronkes had requested to be annexed into the City and because of that, we need to activate their special assessment. This is standard procedure as it has been done in the past.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Rackow to approve the activation of the special assessment at 315 Wood Lane.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #3 - REMOTE SITE HOOKUPS

Finance Clerk Freeberg stated that about three years ago we hooked up with UWSP for wireless connection to our remote sites. That has not worked out like we had hoped so after looking at other options, we have decided that our best route would be to hook up with Fibernet and use DSL routers to hook up to our remote sites. This would correct the access problems that we currently have between remote sites, it is more dependable, it would finally allow communication between Portage County and the City, give the City more control and when we are ready to, we can switch over to City Net. This would be coming from the current budget.

Mayor Wescott stated that he is very supportive of this and commended Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice and his staff for all their work on finding this solution. Right now we have good internal communications for moving data business information if you are at City Hall, but once you look at off site buildings like the Fire Stations, Parks and Rec, etc. there have been all sorts of problems. Most of the problems were not foreseen when we went with the UW wireless connection. He stated that one of the advantages to this is that this is an interim solution depending on decisions that will be made by the City Council down the road on City Net. This is an arrangement we are doing monthly and if in the future the Council decides that the fiber optic network is in the best interests of the City long term, we will have a good strategy. The business strategy will also be improved.

Finance Clerk Freeberg stated that in the interim, UW will be our back up.

Mayor Wescott commented that we currently do not have a back up, but with the new system we would.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Phillips, to approve the funding of the remote site hookups.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #4 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$1,090,805.02.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

The claims were discussed.

Adjournment at 8:27 p.m.

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