

**City of Oconomowoc
Utility Committee Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2010**

Alderman Miller called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Members Present: Aids. Miller and Slattery

Members Excused: Ald. Nold

Staff Present: Diane Gard, Tom Steinbach, Steve Roush, Dennis Bednarski, Casey Lemke, Sarah Kitsembel and Chris Dehnert

2. Minutes of June 22, 2010: Motion by Slattery to approve the June 22, 2010 minutes as presented; second by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Consider / recommend Purchase of Backup Generator (C) – Bednarski reported quotes were requested from five vendors for a backup generator system to be located at Fire Station #2 of which they only received three quotes back. The vendors could quote for the generator only or for the generator and transfer switch with or without installation. Staff also followed up with phone calls to four of the five vendors. The low quote was from PieperPower of Milwaukee in the amount of \$61,915 which includes the generator, transfer switch and its installation. Bednarski noted there are three advantages to the purchase and placement of the generator system at the fire station. First they plan to house a duplicate SCADA and operating system at the fire station in the event of a catastrophe involving the current utility building, and the generator assures reliability of this system. With it being located right at the fire station, there is no need for additional safeguards with regard to its installation. Lastly, by locating the generator and electrical system at the station, it can be used as a command central in the event of an emergency. Bednarski said the generator is budgeted for and the purchase price is less than they had anticipated.

Motion by Slattery to recommend the purchase of a backup generator in the amount of \$61,915 from PieperPower, Milwaukee, WI; second by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Review Committee Reports: Water – Roush commented on items included in his report from the packet. Crews have been busy installing stop boxes and curb stops along the W. Wisconsin Avenue road construction project. There have been three new meters and one customer complaint on the hardness of Oconomowoc's water. Lastly, he pointed out the good comments in the sanitary survey letter attached to the packet are not only because of water department staff but also due to the support of past and present members of the Common Council approving those utility projects listed in the report. **Electric** – Lemke reviewed his report included in the packet. The Lapham Street feeder cable replacement project has been completed along with switchgear replacement at the intersection of Capital, Industrial and Wall Street, and moving a street light and pedestal at Dixie Place. There have been two new services and seven trouble tickets. There was an early morning outage on Cooney breaker #82 which took out 183 customers and took 34 minutes for every one's power to be restored. Crews sectionalized the cable and found a pigeon had caused the outage. Bednarski stated they will put up more bird guards in an attempt to limit these types of issues. He added there have been a lot of updates to the electric system the past several years which helps limit outage time for customers. Lemke noted crews are done burying line on Valentine Road and are continuing on Deer Park. This project is progressing nicely, and they are right on schedule. Lemke then reported on the Utility's 2nd quarter reliability numbers which have been good the last several years. The Caidi indice, which reflects the average outage duration in minutes, is 73.249 minutes or 1.13 hours. The Saifi indice, which is the average total number of customers affected by an outage, is 3.3%. These numbers will be posted on the Utility's website. **Wastewater** – Steinbach reported they have been dealing with a lot of rainfall over the last couple of months – 19+ inches. This past Thursday night was a big rain event which caused major issues in the West Shore subdivision again. Though the Town is working to correct the issues, staff has ongoing concerns and he plans to meet with representatives from the Town very soon. The Pondview pump

station is currently pumping 325,000 gallons through it which is 300,000 gallons more than normal. Steinbach stated these types of numbers are putting their system at risk, noting if there was a failure at this pump station it would quickly flood the homes in the subdivision. He then distributed a graph which showed influent flows and how the recent rainfall events have caused the plant to come close to reaching its 9 MGD capacity. He noted the main cause of this is due to infiltration into the plant of which the West Shore subdivision issues are a big part. However, overall the groundwater table is up, and staff is concerned with the increased potential to reach the plant's peak flow capacity. Steinbach noted he wanted to bring this to the member's attention as this will be mentioned again during budget discussions.

5. **Staff and Committee Comments:** Ald. Slattery questioned line loss from the report included in the packet.
6. **Adjourn:** Motion by Slattery to adjourn at 4:49 PM; second by Miller. Motion carried 2-0.

Chris Dehnert, Deputy City Clerk