



Date: April 1, 2015  
To: Common Council  
From: Alderman Terry Thieme  
Re: March 19, 2015 Water Utility Commission Meeting Summary

- Main Replacement Approved:
  - 1) The Utility's portion of the public works project on Rosemary Street from Arcadian Avenue to Greenbush Street. Our portion includes 1,260' of 8" water main at a cost to the Utility of \$313,600. The existing/original water main was installed in 1911 and is 4" in diameter.
  - 2) 5,595 feet on Les Paul Parkway – Arcadian to Broadway (Phase I). Existing main is 16" installed in 1979. Our Master Plan calls for this to be upsized to 24" to meet future water supply demands. Bids will be opened on April 13 and presented for approval to the Council on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Three bids were received for a water main project on Maple Avenue. This project will involve the replacement of 6" water main installed in 1912, with new 8" water main. The project was awarded to Advance Construction for their low bid of \$551,785.
- A Legal Services Agreement with Atty. Paul Kent of Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP in Madison was approved to assist with regulatory issues associated with the water diversion and return flow relating to the Great Lakes Compact. The Mayor, City Attorney, and Dan Duchniak evaluated and interviewed qualified candidates. Atty. Kent and his firm will take the place of Atty. Don Gallo whose contract expired in 2014.
- Great Lakes update by Dan Duchniak: Staff continues to finalize The Application. There are four issues that need to be addressed: Phosphorous, thermal, arsenic and anti-degradation. We have draft technical memos that address three of the issues and are working with the DNR to finalize those. The remaining issue will be discussed in a meeting with the DNR on March 26. Once finalized, the application will be complete and a schedule moving forward will be developed. We will formally report to the Council once we understand this schedule.
- An update of the Utility's website should be done in May. The goal is to make it more user friendly for customers to navigate and to easily access information to educate them about the great lakes issue.
- We are working on developing a new ordinance regarding specifications for irrigation systems in order to support conservation initiatives.
- Good News: Water sales have exceeded budget so far this year, which means we are selling more water. There have also been more new meter sets for new construction than we anticipated, which is a good sign.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April, 16 at 6:00 PM.**