

Date: January 14, 2016  
To: Common Council  
From: Alderman Thieme  
Re: December 17 Water Utility Commission Meeting Summary

- The Commission authorized the General Manager to approve payment to the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers in accordance with state statutes for the regional review of the Application for Great Lakes Water. The estimated budget of \$261,688 was approved during the Regional Body conference call on January 7, 2016 and the check has been submitted.
- The Water Utility's portion of the contract with State contractors, Inc. for the Summit Avenue Water Main Replacement Project will be \$792,593.19 (plus the 1% city Admin Fee). Construction will begin as soon as weather allows with a scheduled completion date of September 30, 2016.
- A Professional Services Agreement to perform commercial, industrial, and multi-family cross connection control inspections was approved with Aqua Backflow. Aqua Backflow will replace HydroCorp, who performed this service since 2008. The cost in 2016 will be \$44,160.
- Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger (SGH) reviewed the rooftop repair options with the water commission. After thoroughly discussing each alternative, the commission unanimously voted to move forward with the Plaza Waterproofing alternative and approved a lump sum contract with SGH in the amount of \$40,800 for design and construction services related to the project.
- A Main Replacement was approved for 1,480' of main on W. Main Street – Clinton to N. Barstow, at an estimated cost to the Utility of \$792,600.
- A Main Replacement was approved for 15,137' of main on Les Paul parkway – Sunset to Broadway (Phase 2), at an estimated cost to the Utility of \$8,721,000.
- Great Lakes Update: The DNR gave official notice to the Regional Body and Compact Council (the Regional Body includes the members from Canada and the Compact Council is just the members of the Great Lakes States. For the states, the members on the two bodies are the same representative.) that they would be submitting an Application for a Water Diversion within 30 days on December 8, 2015.

On January 7, 2016, the DNR formally submitted the documents to the Regional Body and Compact Council for review and approval. A briefing was held, via a webinar. Waukesha provided that briefing along with DNR staff. The presentation is available online at <http://www.waukeshadiversion.org/presentations/>

The group approved the review budget of \$261,688 that is billed to the Waukesha Water Utility per state statute. The water utility had already authorized payment at the December water commission meeting and the check has been submitted.

During the webinar they also announced several other dates for meetings and public comment and they are as follows:

- January 12, 2016 – Public Comment period opens
- February 17, 2016 – Regional Body and Compact Council meeting at Carroll University
- February 18, 2016 – Public Hearing and Comment at Carroll University
- April 21, 2016 – Regional Body and Compact Council meeting in Chicago, IL to finalize the “Findings of Fact”

Once the “Findings of Fact” are finalized, a meeting will be scheduled within 30 days for a final vote on the proposal.

Testimony will be heard on February 18, 2016 at Carroll University. That meeting is scheduled to start at 2 pm. If you are not able to testify in person, you will be able to submit your comments in writing.

Also, during the call, the state of Michigan announced that they will be doing their own technical review and having their own public hearings in Lansing, MI on February 9, 2016. The Waukesha Water Utility will provide any information that is needed and will attend the meetings in Lansing. No other states have indicated they will be having hearings at this time.

You can send your comments to the Michigan DEQ at [DEQ-waterdiversion@michigan.gov](mailto:DEQ-waterdiversion@michigan.gov) **until March 1, 2016.**

The next commission meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 21 at 6 PM.**

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