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Date: May 31, 2017
To: Common Council
From: Alderman Thieme
Re: May 18 Monthly Commission Meeting Summary

- Approved the Utility's portion of the Wisconsin DOT's contract with Zignego Co., Inc. for the Waukesha West Bypass project from Fiddlers Creek to Northview, in the amount of \$20,211.25.
- Approved the water main replacement unit price contract and 1% city administration fee totaling \$160,500.51 for the Utility's portion of the City of Waukesha Public Works contract with Advance Construction, Inc. for the Caroline Street Utility and Street Improvements.
- Approved vendors to provide annual treatment chemicals for an estimated annual cost of \$198,876.44. Final costs will depend upon actual water pumpage.
- Approved renewal of a three year agreement for IT Support Services with 2W Technologies effective June 1, 2017.
- Baker Tilly presented the results of the 2016 audit. The Utility received a clean opinion, is financially stable, and positioned well for the construction project. Water sales decreased 3.4%, attributable to conservation efforts.
- Great Lakes Update: The Mayor and General Manager have been working to pass a couple of budget amendments that would allow a longer term for low interest loans and a higher subsidy to reduce the interest rates on low interest loans. The two items have passed through the budget process and are included in the state budget. The two items, if signed into law, would save residents approximately \$140 per year. Representatives Allen and Neylon and State Senator Kapenga have been very helpful throughout the process. They have also been working on a bill to resolve a conflict between state law and the approved water service area by the Great Lakes Governors. The bill is set for a vote in early June. The mayor, city administrator, water utility administrative services manager and water utility general manager went to Washington DC to lobby for federal funds to offset costs associated with the new water supply. Two areas have been identified and we will continue to pursue funding options for this significant public works project.
- A closed session was held to discuss negotiations with Oak Creek for purchase of Great Lakes Water.

The next Water Utility Commission meeting is Thursday, June 22nd at 6 PM.

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