

**CITY OF MEQUON
WISCONSIN

**MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 20, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. with Mayor Abendroth, Alderman Strzelczyk, Alderman Pukaite, Alderman Mayr, Alderman Leszczynski, Alderman Gierl, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Nerbun and Alderman Adams present.

Also present was City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Thyges, Finance Director Watson, Assistant Finance Director Rudychev, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen, Deputy Director of Public Works/Assistant City Engineer Jahncke, Engineering Services Manager Keegan, Water Utility Manager/President of City Water LLC Mike Rau, Water Utility/City Water LLC Director of Operations Jim Voigt and Administrative Secretary Kress.

2. The minutes of the October 14, 2014 and December 9, 2014 Municipal Water Utility Commission meetings were moved for approval by Ald. Pukaite, seconded by Ald. Hawkins, and unanimously approved by the Commission as written.
3. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen presented the 2015 Water Utility Budget for the Commission's review, discussion and approval. She noted several factors that will impact the budget, and Staff and the Commission discussed financing.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ald. Strzelczyk, seconded by Ald. Nerbun, and the 2015 Water Utility Budget was approved by the Municipal Water Utility Commission.

4. Water Utility Manager/President of City Water LLC Mike Rau provided a history of the Public Fire Protection Charge and a summary of its issues. He explained that because Mequon agreed by 2009 referendum that the City would not financially support the Utility, only water utility customers are directly billed a fixed Public Fire Protection charge. Other communities charge all property tax payers for fire protection, and some customers have voiced that all residents should pay because all residents benefit from fire protection. This change would require another referendum.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen noted that the Fire Department is attempting to abandon fire cisterns where water service is installed, and Aldermen Pukaite and Hawkins felt that all residents should pay for the use of water drawn from the Utility's hydrants for fire protection. Ald. Mayr stated that he opposes taxing residents for fire protection charges, and Ald. Hawkins requested the City Attorney's research and input.

5. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:17 p.m.