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**City of Merrill
Water & Sewage Disposal Committee
Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.
Basement Conference Room, City Hall, 1004 East First Street**

Members Present (3 of 3): Alderman John Burgener (Chairperson), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson and Alderman Rob Norton.

Others Present: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Bill Bialecki, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald, Alderman Steve Hass, City Attorney Tom Hayden (arr. 5:15), Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel (arr. 5:15), Duane Pfister and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Call to order

Alderman Burgener called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to approve the vouchers as presented.
Carried.

Request from Strand for additional engineer services funding (amended agenda)

This was part of an amended agenda. Related information was distributed the day before the meeting.

Strand Associates has submitted the final engineering invoice for the Manganese Treatment Facility and Well House Improvements Project. Along with the invoice, they also submitted a letter which noted that the final invoice exceeds the current estimated engineering fee by \$8,337.45. Strand Associates is requesting the City consider incorporating the associated costs into a final amendment to the engineering services agreement.

City Administrator Johnson reminded everyone that the City is under no obligation to make any additional payment in response to this request. He stated that a decision could be made to pay nothing additional, pay a portion of the amount requested or pay the entire \$8,337.45.

City Administrator Johnson added that there could be justification for some type of payment. He based this on the fact that the letter from Strand Associates indicated that, as a result of their discussions with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the City was granted approximately \$40,000 of additional principle forgiveness for the project.

Motion (Norton) to approve payment of the entire \$8,337.45. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

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Motion (Peterson/Norton) to approve a \$4,000 payment to Strand Associates, in response to their request of an additional \$8,337.45 in engineering services related to the Manganese Treatment Facility and Well House Improvements Project. Carried.

Consider online payment option for utility bills

Information was in the meeting packet.

Utility Superintendent Kriewald has requested that consideration be given to offering water utility customers the option of paying water bills online.

City Administrator Johnson recommended that this be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. He suggested that consideration of online utility payments could be part of offering residents the option of paying several types of bills and/or fees online. The Committee agreed that this issue should be discussed by the Committee of the Whole at a future meeting. No formal action was taken.

Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet. Utility Superintendent Kriewald reported that there has been one additional water main break that was not included on the report. Thermal imaging work has been completed.

Public Comment

None.

Next meeting

Wednesday, February 20th, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:28 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk