

SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2006

A special and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Toltzman opened the meeting and roll was called:

Members Present: Tate, O'Connell, Morack Herter, Betts, Romberg, Henke
Arriving later Kopitzke at 5:42 p.m., Way at 6:08 p.m. Excused: Heise

Others Present: Villiesse, Hager, Radtke, Thompson, Bodoh, Faucher, Rousseau

Morack/Tate to adopt agenda. Carried 7-0.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Council to hear a presentation regarding the benefits and detriments of establishing a Storm Water Utility. Kurt Schoen, David Hansen and Jim Bachhuber of Earth Tech made the presentation. They explained NR216, the section of the Administration Code which authorizes the DNR to regulate storm water runoff and how these regulations which currently do not affect the City may. They explained the costs which a Storm Water Utility could recover. They explained how a Storm Water Utility works, how the fee charged to each property owner is calculated.

If a Storm Water Utility is created its fees must be fair and equitable applying to all property that due to an impervious surface, such as roofs, driveways or parking lots, cause water to flow into the storm water collector system. This includes the City owned properties as well as other public or non-profit properties, industrial, commercial and residential properties. There was discussion on determining credits for properties which are so sloped as to drain directly into the river, or had other mitigating structures such as a residential rain garden, detention ponds, etc. Expenses recovered from a Storm Water Utility cannot also be included in expenses recovered as property tax.

The work and expense associated with creating a Storm Water Utility were also considered, as well as the draw backs and potential public opposition.

When the Council understood the process, and had all its questions answered, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

James R. Villiesse, City Clerk
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