

AUGUST 10, 2017 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-filed Aug. 19

3 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Stoneberg for M. Platteter. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, H. Helmecci, S. Kavanagh, B. Morgan, T. Verdegan.

Call to Order:

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and served as Chair.

Write Offs:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to recommend Council action to write off \$763.68 in personal property tax bills owing to bankruptcy filings; and, to write off \$1,807.20 in special assessments, plus interest owing at the time of a Sheriff's Sale of real property located at 813 Menasha Ave. E.

2018 Budget Review:

Library

In reviewing the proposed 2018 library budget, Director Helmecci stated that the only change from 2017 is a 2% wage and benefits increase built into the current budget draft.

Elections/Court

Clerk S. Kavanagh indicated that 2018 could involve up to 4 elections. Fortunately, it is now expected that it will be possible to continue maintenance on the City's tabulator through 2018, staving off replacing it at an estimated cost of \$10,000 until 2019. The replacement machine will be able accept paper ballots as well as having a touch screen.

The City will be able to make use of a new service available through the WI Dept. of Revenue whereby that agency will be able to assist with collecting fines through tax refunds, wage garnishments, bank accounts.

Public Works

DPW Gorsegner reviewed the requested PW budget, including the following comments:

- A set of new tires for a front end loader will cost \$12,000.
- Shop mechanic Robert Barna will come in to explain why he wants a lift for the shop.
- Other than the \$500,000 street construction line, other categories are "bare bones".
- The City's oldest plow truck is a 1994 model.
- At one time this summer five mowers were in the shop for repairs at the same time.
- PW Dept. would like to have enough reliable mowers at each work site that they don't have to be constantly loaded and unloaded to move them around, which takes time.
- The PW Dept. has made great strides with upgrading equipment in recent years.
- There seem to be a consensus that another small John Deere tractor with snow broom and mower attachments will be very useful.

Comptroller Verdegan explained how public works employees benefits are allocated among several cost centers.

Police

Chief A. Lobermeier reviewed that department's 2018 budget request noting intent to trade both its 2010 Tahoe and its 2011 Impala in on one new vehicle. A separate insurance line will be added into this budget at \$7,925 for 2018.

He noted, in response to a question, that he feels mutual aid tends to even out. Nobody questioned that there are times and places where it is invaluable.

Gen. Gov't./Legal/Debt Service/Contingency

Comptroller Verdegan reviewed 2018 budget proposals for the above referenced sectors of City operations.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15th at 3 p.m. It is hoped that all potential capital purchase items in the draft 2018 budget can be identified and listed by then.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at about 5:40 p.m.