

## **Aug. 24th, 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

4:15 pm Council Chamber. Members Present: A. Hraban, J. Pohlman, M. Reynolds

Others Present: A. Christianson, H. Helmecki, K. Vacho, T. Devine, K. Gibbs

**Call to Order:** Chair Hraban called the meeting to order at 4:15pm and presided.

### **Review the 2022 budgets for the following operations:**

Upper Level Library:

Ms. Helmecki advised that not much had changed from the 2021 budget. Total expenditures for 2022 are expected to be approximately \$6,000 less than 2021. The city portion, covered by tax levy, is expected to total \$153,620 in 2022.

Lower Level Library:

The physical condition of the lower level of the library is expected to prevent use, and consequently, rent revenue. Total expenditures for maintenance, utilities, and general operations are expected to be \$18,500. With no rental revenue, that expenditure amount is split between the City and Rusk County, leaving net expenditures from the city tax levy at \$9,250.

Fire Department:

Chief Gibbs presented the Fire Department budget. It hasn't changed from 2021. The total expenditures covered by the city tax levy is anticipated to be \$19,825, though wages and fringe can vary depending on call activity. Chief Gibbs is asking to increase contributions to the retirement fund from \$100 per firefighter per year to \$200. Mr. Reynolds asked that Chief Gibbs scrutinize the line items to reduce even small amounts. (Note: On 8/25/21, Chief Gibbs emailed Mr. Devine with reductions to Training, Uniforms and Transportation costs, reducing budgeted expenditures by \$2,000).

It is estimated that a new pumper truck will be necessary in the next 3 – 5 years.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12pm