

August 30th, 2022 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5:00 pm Council Chamber. Members Present: J. Pohlman III, M. Platteter, J. West

Others Present: A. Christianson II, Robert Grotzinger, Chief Julien, Chief Gibbs, T. Devine, Lois Goode, S. Kavanagh

Call to Order: Committee Chair Platteter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and presided.

Roll Call: Mr. Devine took roll. A quorum was present.

Review and action to approve July/August's paid invoices: Motion to approve July/August's paid invoices by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Platteter. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Lois Goode appeared to present a petition to put the Flambeau Avenue reconstruction project in the 2023 budget. Mr. Platteter advised that the Public Works budget is planned for Tuesday September 13th, and that would be the best time to address said project.

Discussion of Fire Department budget:

Chief Gibbs advised that the 2023 operating budget is unchanged from 2022 with the exception of the utility expenditures. That was increased by \$1,000 as the utilities are slowly becoming more expensive. He would like the budget reflect a proportion of vehicle replacement costs. With the cost of a new pumper truck expected to be over \$600,000, it would be more realistic to have the annual budget show an accumulation of fund balance for that purpose.

Discussion of Police Department budget:

Chief Julien presented the proposed Police Department. The police union hasn't finished the wage negotiations yet, so wages and fringe were calculated with a 5% increase. There is an increase in the Leased Equipment expenditure line for maintaining the TIPP's and Spillman information systems. The uniform expenditure line is higher due to replacing bullet proof vests. The most significant change is for vehicle purchases. Chief Julien included two new vehicles in the 2023 budget, but could replace one in 2023 and one in 2024.

Discussion of General Government budget:

Mr. Platteter interjected some concerns regarding the conclusion of the previous week's Personnel Committee meeting. Mr. West and Mr. Pohlman advised that his concerns were best addressed in a closed session involving the entire Council.

Mr. Devine advised that the General Government budget was largely unchanged from 2022. Wages and fringe were lower as 2022 included a planned lumped-sum payout from the Treasurer's retirement. The new copier contract has increased the Leased Equipment line. Mr. Devine explained the process of wage distribution between the various cost centers.

Discussion of Legal Affairs budget:

Ms. Kavanagh presented the Legal Affairs budget. It is only 3 lines, and unchanged from 2022. "Special Legal Counsel" has been unused in previous years, but we need to be prepared if something does come up.

Discussion of Elections budget:

Ms. Kavanagh advised that there is only the possibility of two elections in 2023. Total budgeted expenditures are reduced by roughly \$8,600. Actual expenditures may be less if there is only one election.

Discussion of Municipal Court budget:

Ms. Kavanagh advised that Municipal Court has been budgeted lower due to the volume of virtual training. The court's software is a set price at \$4,021. Revenues are expected to be down in 2022 vs 2021, and that trend is expected to continue.

Next meeting tentatively planned for Tuesday, September 13th, at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by M. Platteter, seconded by J. Pohlman

Meeting Adjourned at 6:16pm