

**MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
1:30 P.M. Council Chambers**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Ken Brown, Mike Hraban and Mark Platteter

Others present: T. Verdegan, D. Parker, S. Kavanagh, K. Gorsegner, A. Albarado, D. Tuma, H. Helmecci, Chief A. Lobermeier.

Chairman Ken Brown called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by M. Hraban, seconded by M. Platteter, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Finance Committee meeting. Motion approved.

**2016 Department Budget Proposals.** T. Verdegan passed out the proposed 2016 department budgets.

Doug Parker reviewed the proposed Cemetery/ Parks/Engineering /Celebrations/ Entertainment and Solid Waste budgets.

**Cemetery.**

- +\$2,100 General Operations line for upkeep for what is now being referred to as Pioneer Park.
- +\$7,000 to replace one mower.

It has been working very well to have Camp Flambeau Correctional mow and trim the cemetery.

**Parks.**

- -\$3,500 was removed from the Parks/Mowers (Line #42) and added to the Cemetery/Outlay (Line #7) so that 1 new mower could be purchased in 2016 for the cemetery.
- +\$1,000 for park sign replacement.
- -\$1,000 reduction in utilities due to use of new LED lighting.
- +\$4,000 for edging/mulch around playground equipment near the beach to deter the geese.
- +\$500 for park bathroom maintenance due to age and vandalism.

**Engineering.** This budget stayed the same except for small increases in wages and benefits.

**Celebrations/Entertainment.** It was mentioned that the cost to replace the string of lights that are used along the river for the Venetian Night parade and also along the fence at Memorial Park would be \$16,000-\$17,000. This expense was not included in the 2016 budget proposal but will need to be addressed in the future as they are worn out.

- +\$1,000 for LED lights along Mardi Gras parade route.
- +\$500 for ball diamond improvements during Earth Day.

**Solid Waste.**

- +\$1,500 to purchase 2 new dumpsters and repair 5 dumpsters.

Shari Kavanagh reviewed the proposed Elections and Municipal Court budgets.

**Elections.**

- +\$11,033 increase over 2015 budget due to 4 elections in 2016; one being a Presidential Election.

**Municipal Court.**

- +\$227 due to annual software maintenance increases.

Chief A. Lobermeier reviewed the Police Department budget proposal.

**Police Department.**

- +\$86,412 for adding 1 FT Position along with a 3% wage increase.
- +\$1,450 to cover added cost of union negotiations.
- +\$15,000 for replacement of Chief's unmarked vehicle.

K. Gorsegner reviewed the Streets/Bldg Insp/Weed & Tree/Parking Lots/ Storm budgets.

**Streets:**

- +\$500 for replacement of portable radio batteries.
- \$80,000 was budgeted for replacing the grader, chipper and pickup truck.
- +\$3,000 for vehicle lift so repairs can be done in house.
- +\$250,000 Street Mill/Overlay.
- +\$20,000 for 3 point sander and front mount snowblower for the John Deere tractor.
- +\$5,000 for additional storm sewer replacements.
- +\$69,000 for PW Construction Fund.

**Property Inspection/Regulations.**

- -\$3,000 in disposal cost line item which is used for demolition of homes.
- The 2 year contract with Bowmar Appraisals will expire 12/31/2015. Committee members asked K. Gorsegner and S. Kavanagh to look into bidding out the city assessment contract.
- Committee members were informed that while working on the sewer system today, a hole was blown through the tank on the jetter truck. Repairs to the jetter could cost \$70,000 for a vehicle that is only worth \$40,000.

A. Albarado reviewed the **Tourism** budget which proposes the City fund \$27,500.

H. Helmecci reviewed the **Library** budget. Overall expenditures have decreased for the upper library budget. The library continues to have maintenance issues with the front sidewalk, roof and stucco.

- -\$18,094.84 budget decrease.

Fire Chief D. Tuma reviewed the Fire budget.

- +\$20,000 set aside for future truck purchase.
- +\$6,000 for vehicle repair.

- +\$4,000 in general operations.
- +\$4,000 in utilities.

T. Verdegan reviewed the General Government/Legal/Debt Service/Contingency Fund.

**General Government.**

- Insurance premium increases are not known at this time so all calculations are approximate.

**Legal.** Decrease of \$355.00

**Debt Service.**

- \$453,231.13 is the total debt service payment from Fund 100. The City is allowed to raise taxes by that amount to cover the debt service payment.

**Contingency Fund.**

- \$20,000 has been included in the Contingency Fund.

After all budget proposals were presented, Committee members reviewed the summary sheet which shows a variance of (\$695,675.00).

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.**