

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BUDGET SESSION #3

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Michael Martens, Carol Lukens, and Doug Diny

Members Excused: Sarah Watson

Others Present: MaryAnne Groat, Emily Ley, Anne Jacobson, Matt Barnes, Bob Barteck, Eric Lindman, Dustin Kraege, Liz Brodek, Jamie Polley, Solomon King, Kody Hart, Alder Tom Kilian

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Budget Discussions and Action regarding Recommending a 2024 Budget including setting 2024 Fee Schedule

The 2024 Budget Supplemental Budget Requests were reviewed. Questions were asked and answered following discussion. Further discussion to follow when estimated budget numbers are finalized.

Paramedic Tuition from the Fire Department funding will come from ARPA funding in combination with a budget modification from unused previously allocated ARPA funding. Supplemental item recommended to be accepted with the alternative funding source with zero levy impact.

Hot Mix Asphalt from the Department of Public Works funding recommended to be accepted with levy impact.

Firefighter Cancer Screening from the Fire Department funding will come from the employee insurance fund. Supplemental item recommended to be accepted with the alternative funding source with zero levy impact.

Recruitment and Retention from the Police Department funding recommended to be accepted with levy impact for 2024 budget year only and reevaluated in the next budget year.

Marathon County Restorative Justice Program Support from the Municipal Court recommended to be accepted with levy impact for 2024 budget year only and reevaluated in the next budget year.

Personnel requests for the Shared Administrative Assistant Position from the Police and Fire Departments, the Street Crew Staff (3 FTE over 3 yrs.) from the Department of Public Works, and the Administrative Assistant Position from the Community Development Department recommended to be accepted with levy impact with a start date of all hires slated for April of 2024 and Administrative Assistant Position from the Community Development Department to be part-time to reduce the impact on the budget.

Neighborhood Listening Sessions from the Community Development Department funding will come from the CBL Refinancing Bond for 2024 budget year only and reevaluated in the next budget year. Supplemental item recommended to be accepted with the alternative funding source with zero levy impact.

On Call Expenses from the Department of Public Works funding will come from the motor pool fund. Supplemental item recommended to be accepted with the alternative funding source with zero levy impact.

The Commercial Travel from the Police Department and the Propane Dual Fuel Conversion (10-15 vehicles) from the Department of Public Works recommended to not be accepted as supplemental budget requests.

Recommended that parking fines will be issued with one warning ticket given to a driver/vehicle ever as opposed to just for during the year. No additional parking enforcement officer will be hired, and no new equipment will be purchased in this budget year. Further discussion will follow in subsequent meetings outside of the budget.

Council Chambers Video & Room Control Upgrade was slated as a high priority in the CIP Budget and staff are directed to explore funding options.

Link to the 2024 Budget Presentation: <https://www.wausauwi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/9957>

Link to the 2023 Budget Book: <https://www.wausauwi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/9959>

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WBYBxW1W7U>

Adjourn

Motion by Diny, second by Marten, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.