

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 5:15 P.M., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Michael Martens, Sarah Watson, Doug Diny, and Carol Lukens (5:23 P.M.)

Others Present: Mayor Rosenberg, MaryAnne Groat, Anne Jacobson, Matt Barnes, Robert Barteck, Eric Lindman, James Henderson, Liz Brodek, Tammy Stratz, Kody Hart, Alder Kilian

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

Minutes of the previous meeting (11/07/2023).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on approving accepted offers for the following parcels in the Stewart Avenue, South 72nd Avenue to South 48th Avenue Street project:

- Parcel 1 (7255 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement/New Highway Right of Way Fee/Landscaping
- Parcel 12 (7019 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 41 (5450 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 42 (5400 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 43 (5300 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 44 (5050 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement/New Highway Right of Way Fee
- Parcel 47 (5000 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement/New Highway Right of Way Fee
- Parcel 48 (4900 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement/New Highway Right of Way Fee

Motion by Watson, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motioned carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2024 fee schedule adopted pursuant to Wausau Municipal Code §3.40.010(a) (2023 Comprehensive Fee Schedule).

Without objection, this item, and subsequent items, were considered before going back to agenda item 4 at the end of the meeting.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Martens, to approved. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectible delinquent accounts from the City's accounting records for the years 1996 to 2011.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on Municipality Held for Cause Services Agreement for the impoundment, care, treatment and/or humane disposal of animals taken into custody by law enforcement or humane officers and animals held for cause, between the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc. and the City of Wausau, from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on Purchase of Animal Impoundment Services Agreement for the impoundment, care, treatment and/or humane disposal of non-dog strays taken into custody by law enforcement or humane officers, between the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc. and the City of Wausau, from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Intergovernmental Humane Officer Services Agreement between the City of Wausau and Everest Metropolitan Police Department from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Joint Powers Agreement with Marathon County regarding E911/NG-911 system.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding accepting the 2024 Beat Patrol Grant.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the Authorization of Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant unused 2020, 2021 and 2023 program year funds into an Acquisition/Housing Development Activity.
Motion by Lukens, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding procurement of licenses plate recognition hardware and software.
Motion by Martens, seconded by Diny, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding water utility tax equivalent and rate study (Ehlers).
Brian Roemer, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, answered questions and provided advise to the committee on the impact of the water utility tax equivalent and rate study. No action was taken.

Diny stated a preference for the Common Council to set a long-term policy to reduce the tax equivalent. Rasmussen stated that this could be a visionary goal as set forth in the new term of the next Common Council as articulated by the Council President.

Rasmussen stated that there are concerns about needs of the utility and the potential for a future water rate increase and the uncertainty it could create.

Adjourn

Motion by Diny, second by Watson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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