

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 5:00 pm., Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Maryanne Groat, Anne Jacobson, Eric Lindman, Dustin Kraege, Gerry Klein, Matt Barnes, Ben Bliven, Rick Rubow, Katie Rosenberg, and Kaitlyn Bernarde

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this joint meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. The Finance Committee was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Rasmussen.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s): (12/13/22)

Motion by Diny, second by Martens to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding ARPA funding requests and related budget modification

Lisa Rasmussen stated the request is for the audio/video equipment in use in the Council Chambers.

Gerald Klein, IT Director, commented the equipment in this room was already old when he started with the city 16 years ago. He stated all the equipment is out of date and much of it is no longer supported and we don't have any of the documentation for it anymore because the people that installed it are out of business. The County Board Assembly Room has been built out with new modern controls for the room and can support video calls that are integrated into it. He proposed replacing all the equipment in the Council Chambers, as well as the microphones and the button boxes at their desks with new voting software. He stated the Clerk's memo points out one particular thing that is very easy to see, when someone is on a video call, they are shown on the TV behind the Clerk, but the Public Access controller has to zoom in on that TV in order to provide the view to the public. The modern way would be for them to have multiple video feeds to pick and choose from and to lay things on top of.

Klein indicated one of his main concerns is that any day now any of this equipment could just die and when he has ordered video gear lately it has taken a very long time to arrive. New video gear for Courtroom 1 at the county took seven months, so he felt it was important to get ahead of it. He indicated the total cost was \$140,000 and a relatively recent quote from a vendor was \$125,000.

Rasmussen questioned if there were an alternate funding source for this request, considering the ARPA funds remaining are just under \$3 million and with the public angst over the water rate increases there may be a need to divert the majority of those funds to the granular activated carbon solution. Maryanne Groat stated they could consider a one-time transfer out of the surplus we will likely have in 2022. She suggested they rank this application for the next meeting, and she would bring an estimate of the year-end surplus.

Sarah Watson commented she has received feedback from residents that when they are viewing the meetings on YouTube or Public Access, they can't see how people vote. She believed it would be forward-facing to have more modern equipment. She stated the ongoing operational expense is approximately \$5,000 and questioned what that was for. Klein explained they would put a couple of key pieces of the electronics under a maintenance agreement for a while until we ensure it is all working.

Discussion and possible action regarding sole source request for Wausau PD and FD for Advanced Physical Therapy

Deputy Chief Matt Barnes explained this and the next one are recurring sole sources with contractors we have utilized, have a relationship and are satisfied with, as well as budgeted for. He pointed out an error he found in Section #2 where it references 7.5 hours a week; he clarified that is 7.5 hours a week per organization, so it should be 15 hours.

Motion by Watson, second by Diny to approve the sole source request. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding sole source request for Crossing Guards (All City Management Services)

Martens questioned if the \$160,000 was the combined cost that we share with the Wausau School District or just the city's share. Barnes stated \$160,000 is the total cost of which we invoice the School District for 29.7%.

Motion by Diny, second by Lukens to approve the sole source request. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Urban Nonpoint Source Construction Grant Agreement to Convert the Strawberry Fields Dry Detention Pond to a Wet Pond

Rasmussen explained Engineering was applying for a grant which it received, and this helps with our stormwater compliance.

Motion by Martens, second by Diny to approve the acceptance of the grant. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the termination of Airport Ground Lease with Allan Woldt

Rasmussen explained this and the next item came to the Airport Committee as housekeeping items. The leases have terminated, and the hangars have been sold, so this is the formality of terminating the leases.

Motion by Diny, second by Martens to terminate the ground lease with Alan Woldt. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the termination of Airport Ground Lease with Wynnn Jones & Associates

Motion by Diny, second by Watson to terminate the ground lease. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on a contract for residential and commercial electrical inspection services between the City of Wausau and Village of Weston

Rasmussen explained the Village of Weston needs some short-term help because they need to replace some staff but have a gap between.

Watson questioned if this was a continuation of a former agreement with Weston. Bill Hebert, Zoning & Inspections Director, stated in 2017 they did a 3-month contract with Weston when their Inspector had medical leave. Watson questioned if he had the staff to accommodate the contract. Hebert commented he has just learned today his building inspector resigned but had several qualified people to do the inspections.

Motion by Lukens, second by Watson to approve the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.