

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Michael Martens (C), Gary Gisselman (VC), Becky McElhaney, Chad Henke, Vicki Tierney

Others Present: Eric Lindman, Jeremy Kopp, Anne Jacobson, Rick Rubow

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Martens called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting (12/10/2024).

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Henke, to approve. Motion carried 5-0

Discussion and possible action approving Cintas Corporation contract for janitorial supplies.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Henke, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action approving of pay rate for Community Service Officer (CSO) II for the Wausau Police Department.

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Gisselman, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on sale of Wausau Fire Department Ladder 2 and budget modification for potential replacement.

Tierney questioned the age of the new replacement equipment. It was stated the replacement equipment was new. Tierney further questioned the different options for purchase and questioned the best option. It was stated the two options outlined were the best for meeting the needs of the department. Tierney questioned the selling price of the current equipment to be sold. It was stated this is a rare situation in which the equipment could be sold for more than it was purchased.

Martens questioned if the replacement equipment would be comparable to the current equipment. It was stated the new equipment options would meet the needs of the department. Martens questioned the next steps to facilitate the sale and purchases. It was stated the city would need to sell the current equipment to purchase the new equipment or purchase the new equipment and sell the current equipment to backfill that purchase.

Gisselman stated a preference for guaranteeing the sale of the current equipment prior to purchase of the new equipment to ensure the funding is available to make this budget neutral.

Martens stated agreement with Gisselman and noted that the current equipment is in high demand likely selling quickly. It was also questioned if this sale would be in line with the ordinances governing the sale of capital from the city. It was stated that this would be in line with ordinance.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Henke, to approve the sale of the fire apparatus through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the First Amendment to the Master Partnership Agreement between Community Infrastructure Partners, LLC Agreement.

McElhaney questioned the differences in the amendment. It was stated there would be three times the services of the current agreement and this would account for the increase in service. McElhaney further questioned employee pay rates and hours for the contractors. It was stated the contract was for a cost not to exceed.

Martens stated that a cost to not exceed would ensure that additional funds would not need to be expended.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Martens, to approve. Motion failed 2-3 with Gisselman, McElhaney, and Tierney opposed.

McElhaney stated more information about the details of the agreement would be needed to support the motion and requested that this be brought back to the next committee meeting for consideration. It was stated it was important to have this information to have buy in from residents and answer questions.

McElhaney requested reconsideration of this item.

Discussion and possible action on contract assessment services for real property between the City of Wausau and City of Schofield for years 2026-2030.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by McElhaney, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Possible action regarding budget modification for the repair and reopening of 28th Avenue from Madonna Drive to West Wausau Avenue from June 2025 through April 2026.

Tierney stated this repair did not guarantee that this length of road would remain open for any length of time due to the challenges with this area terrain which could wash out the road with heavy rain and water run-off.

McElhaney questioned previous support from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee. It was stated constituents had asked for this to be considered with multiple petitions.

Henke stated there was a need to have constituent voices heard for this to be considered and for the process of consideration to be held.

Gisselman questioned the reasoning of the petition. It was stated the petition asked for the road to be reopened and not remain closed due to concerns on the detour route.

Henke stated support for this item in the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee but stated opposition in the Finance Committee as the city could make this expenditure for a project that is slated to only last a year. It was stated the road would still reopen when the road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2026.

Motion by Henke, seconded by McElhaney, to approve the budget modification to reopen 28th Avenue. Motion failed 0-5, with Martens, Gisselman, McElhaney, Henke, and Tierney in opposition.

Discussion and possible action to approve reclassification of Fire Marshal (Grade 14) to Divisions Chief - Inspections-Community Risk Reduction (Grade 13).

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Tierney, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action amending the Employee Handbook Section 5.15.5 – Clothing and Equipment.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Henke, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action approving Preventive Maintenance Program Agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation.

Henke questioned if this is a continuation of a service that had been provided in the past. It was stated the previous contract had expired and this was continuing that service.

Tierney questioned the premium package offering in the contract. It was stated this package continues the service that meets the needs for the city's elevator equipment.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Henke, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding possible action on sales study for real estate acquisition and the Nominal Payment Parcel Report for West Wausau Avenue, Stevens Drive to North 10th Avenue, Project ID 6999-00-16.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Tierney, to move into closed session.

Roll Call Vote - Yes: McElhaney, Gisselman, Tierney, Henke, Martens; No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CONVENED into Closed Session.

Adjourn

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Tierney, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyp93wksIcM>