

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 6:00 pm., Council Chambers

Members Present: Martens (VC), Herbst, Watson, Ryan Members

Excused: Rasmussen

Others Present: Groat, Kremer, Jacobson, Rosenberg, Neal Kilian

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Michael Martens.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s). (7/16/20 & 8/25/20)

Martens noted the minutes of the 7/16/20 meeting were not in the packet.

Motion to approve by Herbst, second by Ryan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 8/25/20. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on Budget Modification Elections

Maryanne Groat stated there were extra costs for elections this year, much of it due to amount of absentee voting. In addition, the Mayor's Safe Election Task Force has expressed interest in having us conduct drive-through voting that would take place on a Friday evening and a Saturday. This would be overtime work for city staff and would require the help of election workers. She projected that the election budget at the end of the year, after the Presidential Election, will need an additional \$83,000. She noted some of that would be reimbursed through Roads to Recovery Grants through the Elections Commission and the State of Wisconsin. She indicated the Police Department budget had Patrol Event Staffing funds that went unused this year due to COVID resulting in the cancellation of most events. Groat stated the \$82,590 would come from a combination of the new grants source of \$35,000 with the rest from Patrol Event Staffing

Ryan questioned how the drive-through voting would work. City Clerk, Leslie Kremer, explained she was working with the Department of Public Works and the Police Department to form a safe route and sketch out which streets would need to be closed to hold it at City Hall.

Herbst questioned if this has been tried already and what the results were. Kremer indicated it has been done in Eau Claire and Madison and both clerks indicated they had an overwhelming response and voters were appreciative.

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to approve the Elections budget modification. Motion carried 4-0.

Groat noted this is going directly to Council this evening.

Adjournment

Motion by Watson, second by Ryan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.