

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BUDGET SESSION #3

Date and Time: Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 5:30 pm., Council Chambers

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

Members Excused: Sarah Watson

Others Present: Maryanne Groat, Anne Jacobson, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Jamie Polley

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

Budget Discussions and Actions regarding Recommending a 2023 Budget including setting the 2023 Fee Schedule

Maryanne Groat stated the bond sale took place today and indicated she would be revising the budget document to reflect the sale information and will re-print the budget books. She stated the Council previously adopted a parameters resolution which provides that if the bids met specific thresholds that we could approve them. The sale was successful; there were two bids, and the winning bid was Robert W. Baird with a true interest rate of 3.85%. They have given us a premium whereby the interest is higher, and we pay that interest with that premium. There is typically either a premium or a discount. She indicated Moody's sustained our AA3 rating. She noted Moody's rates water & sewer separately because the city's is general obligation debt that is based on our taxing power, and the water & sewer debt is paid for by the consumer water & sewer users, which has different risks.

Groat continued with the 2023 City of Wausau Budget PowerPoint presentation. She noted Budget Influences: Personnel costs: 9.5% increase to health insurance; 3% COLA salary increase; union contracts; Salary Study with accelerated progression; and Wisconsin Retirement employer rate increase. Non-Personnel costs: CCITC increased from 21% to 25%; increased cost due to Workday software and maintenance; utility increases expected by WPS, general inflation impacts; and Motor Pool charges increased 12%.

The presentation can be viewed on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VIR_9sbvpg

Lisa Rasmussen stated the next budget meeting will be Monday, October 24th at 6:30 pm., to have department heads present their Supplemental Requests and the committee can rank them for the October 25th Finance meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Lukens, second by Diny to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.