

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 @ 5:30 pm., Council Chambers

Members Present: Rasmussen (C), Martens, Herbst, Watson, Ryan

Others Present: Kremer, Barteck, Bliven, Jacobson, Kujawa, Lindman, Rosenberg, Polley, Rubow, Van Krey

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 Chair, Lisa Rasmussen.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s). (10/20, 10/21, 10/22, and 11/10/20)

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to approve the minutes of 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, and 11/10. *Ryan indicated that she would abstain from voting due to audio issues when attending by WebEx.* Motion carried 4-0-1.

Discussion and possible action on the purchase of Animal Impoundment Services Agreement with the Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc.

Motion by Martens, second by Ryan to renew the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding sole source purchase of three software programs for support of Operations, Training and Inspections Divisions of the Wausau Fire Department

Rasmussen explained the Fire Department received a grant for one of the items that was earmarked in CIP, so they are asking to repurpose those funds for software programs that will replace the Firehouse software. The company has been purchased and are no longer supporting that software.

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to approve the sole source purchase of software programs. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action Authorizing 2020 Budget Modification for Wausau Area Access Media to upgrade playback system

Martens recommended going with Option 2 since the city will be shutting down the Viebit service. He suggested looking at our own on-demand media server to store videos because once you upload to a third party server it is no longer yours. He felt control of access to the city's media is important.

Motion by Ryan, second by Martens to approve Option 2 for a budget modification to upgrade playback system. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on 2021 Budget

Groat updated that she has received all of the other taxing jurisdictions levies that need to be assessed against City of Wausau property owners. She stated in general the assessed tax rate is going down by parcel but that the results will vary for each parcel based upon their increased value due to the revaluation. The lottery credit went down \$33.54 in the Wausau School District and \$29.49 in the D.C Everest District. No significant changes to the health insurance enrollment. *Discussion followed.*

Discussion and possible action on September General Fund financial report

Groat stated from a revenue standpoint license revenues are going to fall below our budget expectations due to reduction in the licensing rates for establishments in light of the Covid pandemic. Also bartender licenses issued are down for the same reason. Another area anticipated to fall short is in fines, forfeitures and penalties which has been an ongoing issue. During Safer-at-Home Order some enforcement action was decreased due to concerns over Covid exposure. She indicated the city qualified for Routes to Recovery Grant from the State of Wisconsin and have received \$468,000 so far and have one payment outstanding.

Groat stated expenses are looking very good and we continue to lag budget. She indicated an Emergency Government Covid 19 Account under Public Safety was created and have accumulated approximately \$136,000 of new expenses for PPE or other protective supplies. The financial reports can be accessed on the City's Website

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.