

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 20, 2013
City Hall – 1st Floor Council Chambers

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 6:23 PM

Present: Alderpersons Scott McMeans, James Brey and Tyler Martell

Absent: Able, Sitkiewitz

Also Present: Mayor Justin Nickels (6:58), Alderperson Dave Soeldner, Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille, Assistant Finance Director Tony Scherer, Director of Public Infrastructure Daniel Koski, Interim Fire Chief Gregg Kadow and Public Library Director Cherilyn Stewart.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson Martell to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Input

There was no public input presented to the Finance Committee at this meeting.

2014 Budget Deliberations

Alderperson Scott McMeans prefaced the meeting with a summary of where the Committee was in the 2014 Budget process and how he would like to proceed.

The first topic discussed by the Committee was the Fire Department fees for the clean-up of accident fluids. The Committee discussed the purpose, content, severity levels and payer sources of the fee.

Alderman McMeans then requested Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille to provide his proposal for reconciling the remaining shortfall. Mr. Corbeille proposed the use of general fund electrical savings, additional revenues from the increase to court cost fees and a minor reduction to the contingency account. The Committee was in agreement with the Finance Director/Treasurer's recommendations.

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson McMeans to recommend adoption of the 2014 Budget to the Common Council as documented and amended by the Finance Committee.

Alderperson Martell brought forth questions regarding Cemetery and Park wages for seasonal employees and uniforms for zoo employees for further discussion. Director of Public Infrastructure Daniel Koski provided clarification on the issues.

Motion by Alderperson Martel, second by Alderperson McMeans to amend the original motion by removing \$500 from the Zoo budget for the outfitting of two employees. Motion carried 2-1, with Alderman Brey casting the dissenting vote.

Alderperson Martell also requested clarification on the water account in the Zoo budget. Alderman McMeans and Director of Public Infrastructure Daniel Koski provided the information. The Committee also had short discussions regarding EMS revenues and the Economic Development Corporation.

The Committee then took up the issue of capital in regard to the Lincoln Park camp sites, open air shelter and zoo water project.

Motion by Alderperson McMeans, second by Alderperson Martell to eliminate the funding for sixteen proposed Lincoln Park camp sites, retain \$12,000 of bonding proceeds for transferring the Schuette Park shelter to a new slab in Lincoln Park and reallocate the remaining balance of \$13,000 to augment the zoo water project. Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Committee continued with two minor discussions about the use of state trust fund loans for funding capital projects within the general fund and the information technology operation agreement with Manitowoc Public Utilities.

Alderman McMeans then called the vote on Alderman Brey's original motion to recommend adoption of the 2014 Budget as amended. Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson Martell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously (3-0). Chairman McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Scott McMeans
By: Anthony Scherer
Assistant Finance Director

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