

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 2013 AT 6:05 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER – 1519 WATER STREET**

PRESENT: Alderpersons Beveridge, R. Stroik, Slowinski, O'Meara and M. Stroik
ALSO
PRESENT: Mayor Halverson; C/T Schlice; Clerk Moe; Ald. Moore, Wiza, Trzebiatowski; Suomi, Patton, Phillips; Directors Lemke, Schrader, Ostrowski, Schatschneider; Asst. Police Chief Zenner; Fire Chief Kujawa; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Kelley Pazdernik; Brandi Makuski; Kevin Lu; Matthew Brown; Corey Ladick; Barb Jacob; Bob Woehr

ITEM #1 – AMENDMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE BETWEEN CITY OF STEVENS POINT AND MOCADLO FAMILY – EAST COMMERCE PARK.

Director Ostrowski stated this is a request from the landowners. When they did the option to purchase, there was an error made within the voluntary exercise on some of the other options. When we would decide to purchase a piece of the property, other property would have to be purchased with it with because of how the irrigation lines up. They are asking for an amendment to the original option to purchase. This would be for the land directly east of the Transit center.

Ald. M. Stroik questioned when the letter was received. Director Ostrowski stated less than a month ago.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to approve the amendment of the option to purchase between City of Stevens Point and the Mocadlo Family in the East Commerce Park.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #2 – 4TH QUARTER 2012 ROOM TAX REPORT.

C/T Schlice stated there are no changes from the adopted plan. The only thing left in major projects is the mural project so we may have to start looking at that major projects committee again. The items that were committed to in the 2013 budget will show up in the 1st quarter report for 2013.

Motion made by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. M. Stroik to approve the 4th quarter 2012 room tax report and place it on file.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDERATION OF 2013B BORROWING QUOTES.

C/T Schlice stated that we received three quotes for the 2013B borrowing. A lot of times there is a premium for the call provision, but this time Investors Bank told him that they bid it without a premium. This does give the City more leeway going forward because we may have money left over depending on the amount of environmental work we have to do and also with the sale of the Dunham building, we may want to reduce that in the future. With that being said, 2% may look like a heck of a deal in a few years, so we may choose not to, but it will be an option for the Council to look at. The borrowing resolution would be considered on Monday.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to accept the quote from Investors Bank for the 2013B borrowing at the interest rate of 2.10%.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if this was for the 1.7 million for downtown. C/T Schlice stated yes.

Ald. R. Stroik then asked if the net interest was added after a 20 year period.

C/T Schlice stated it was for 10 years. This one is slightly higher than the last one but this one is equivalent to about 8 – 8 ½ year notes, so we did get some good rates. 10 year treasury rates are running 1.98 when he got these bids, which would be the maximum. He stated that if we do have money left, we can't just put the money in the bank and let it sit there, we have to expend those funds within 24 months and only be used for what the borrowing is specified for and anything that is unexpended must get put back against the borrowing.

Ald. Beveridge questioned if any amount of money that we receive as part of the grant that the CDA approved the application for, the environmental services, would be applicable to the call provision as well.

C/T Schlice replied that would be up to the Council depending on how the money is handled when we get done with the clean ups. The actual bond proceeds themselves have to be expended within the 24 month period.

Ald. R. Stroik stated that he is all in favor of the grand plan of moving forward with the downtown Mall reconstruction, but he stated there are a few questions he doesn't have answers for yet in terms of the totality of the borrowing. As stated at the Council meeting, he will be voting no because he would like to see Edgewater Manor and the total TID district that we are looking at restricting be taken into account before we make this borrowing commitment.

Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Slowinski, O'Meara, M. Stroik Nays: Ald. R. Stroik Motion carried.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

Motion made by Ald. R. Stroik, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$7,637,205.99.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:13 p.m.