

FINANCE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2018 AT 7:53 P.M.
POLICE DEPARTMENT – 933 MICHIGAN AVENUE

PRESENT: Ald. Phillips, Slowinski, Shorr, Morrow, and Johnson

ALSO

PRESENT: C/T Ladick; City Attorney Beveridge; City Clerk Piotrowski; Director Schrader, Ostrowski, Lemke, Beduhn; Fire Chief Finn; Police Chief Skibba; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Ald. McComb, Dugan, Jennings, and Nebel, Krista Olson; Greg Wright

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC COMMENTS ON, AND CONSIDERATION OF, THE PROPOSED 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET.

C/T Ladick stated that the 2019 Capital budget was discussed at the meeting last month, so the next step is to bring it back for public comments and consideration.

Ald. Morrow and Ald. Johnson would like to see the Police garage moved in the priority list and would like staff to work together to see if it could be done sooner. They were not happy to see that it was put out to 2023 for funding, stating that they believe this was discussed as the next step for the Police Department once they moved into the new location and also listed it as a top priority item. C/T Ladick stated that the Willett Arena project had already been approved for 2019 and that the capital projects are based on budget availability. The years 2019-2022 are all over the allotted amount for capital projects, so 2023 was the next available year for the project.

Ald. Morrow questioned why there was not anything in the capital budget for City Hall. Ald. Johnson stated that it was allocated in 2018. C/T Ladick stated that it was in the 2018 budget but that it was not spent, nor was it borrowed for, and will be discussed soon.

Ald. Phillips stated he was not happy with the decrease in streets repair funding, compared to what was requested. C/T Ladick stated that there is about a million dollars more budgeted for road improvements than there used to be several years ago.

Ald. Johnson stated she would like to see a fund setup for alley improvements. Director Beduhn stated that alleys have never been part of the Paser ratings, but there has been a change and from now on they will be. That change will put them in line with the streets as far as where the priorities lie.

Ald. Jennings questioned the \$15,000 for the corridor study on Green Avenue, stating that we are paying \$15,000 for what the Engineers already have the answer for, which she stated is a roundabout. She stated that she objects to putting a signal at that intersection. Director Beduhn stated that he agrees that the roundabout makes sense, however some things have changed, such as the average daily traffic flow. The question at hand is how we best sort out the geometry based on what currently exists as well as coordinating with DOT on their future plans with that corridor. He stated that a better title could have been Design Concept Evaluation as that is more of an accurate description.

Ald. Johnson stated last year she requested that the capital budget be adopted with the operational budget, and would like it done this year also. C/T Ladick stated if there is a desire to wait, that can be done. It used to be presented with everything all at once in October and then approved in November, which left about three weeks for the Council to look at it and talk about it. The reason why we came up with this process, handling capital first, was to break it up in two parts to give Council a bit more time and also allow some focus on specific pieces so that it is not an information overload when it is all delivered at one time. If, at Council next week, there is a desire to withhold approval until November, that could be done.

Motion made by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. Morrow, to approve the 2019 Capital Budget expenditures in the amount of \$5,703,500.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ITEM #2 – REQUEST FROM THE MCDILL LAKE DISTRICT FOR FINANCING OF A GARBAGE TRUCK.

C/T Ladick stated it was a year ago that McDill Lake District approached the Finance Committee to purchase a garbage truck. They had requested some financing from the City and it was approved. The cost of the garbage truck is coming in where we expected it to be, about \$40,000-\$45,000. The source of this money will come from Fund Balance. It would be a 10 year loan, at 3.5% interest, which would be in line with what we could invest and/or borrow the money for.

Motion made by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. Shorr, to approve the financing, up to \$45,000, for the garbage truck for the McDill Lake District.

Krista Olson, 3317 Della Street, President of McDill Lake District, thanked the City for working with the Lake District on the purchase of the garbage truck. It is going to be used for the harvesting operations. This will allow more efficiencies by allowing them to compact the weeds, therefore being able to load 4 loads of weeds into the truck, instead of the current 1 load, before trucking it out to the farm field. It also addresses a safety issue as currently the staff has to climb into the dump truck and fork the weed material around as it is coming off the conveyor belt, all while standing on wet weeds and having the weeds basically thrown at them.

Ald. Nebel questioned why Plover does not contribute to this, and whether or not they have ever been asked. Krista Olson stated Plover no longer has a boundary with the McDill Lake District, it is solely the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Whiting. The majority of the homeowners are within the City of Stevens Point, and 20 homeowners are within the Village of Whiting. The Village of Whiting is not interested, at this time, with partnering with McDill Lake District on any financing.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ITEM #3 – UPDATED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF CITY MONIES.

C/T Ladick stated this is done periodically as a housekeeping item. A couple of banks have changed names and we are also removing one bank and adding another. He stated, as part of the resolution, he would also like to change who can transact business on City accounts. Up to this point, on the checking accounts, it has been himself and the City Clerk, as statute says both the Treasurer's and City Clerk's signatures are needed on all checks, but he would also like to include the Finance Office Manager as a signer on this account. This person would not be signing the checks, but rather be on the account to perform transactions needed in the absence of the City Treasurer, get bank information, or any other function as needed. Banking has gotten a lot more strict with their rules, so having another signer on the account who is familiar with the accounts and understands our banking needs, is a necessity. There have been some issues, so he would like to give that position access to the checking accounts and the investment accounts. There is no statutory requirements as far as who can be on an investment account. In the past it has been the Treasurer and the City Clerk, and with the new City Clerk, we have to update all the investment accounts with a new signer and since the Clerk has never had to be involved with our investment transactions, we would like the Finance Office Manager on those accounts in place of the City Clerk. He stated that although he normally takes care of transactions before he leaves for a period of time, it is a good idea to have a back-up in place.

Motion made by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. Morrow, to update the resolution designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of City monies.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 – ARTWORK NEAR THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROUNDABOUT ON DIVISION STREET AND NORTH POINT DRIVE.

Ald. Shorr stated he is glad to see this, it is an important part of the whole picture with improving North Division. He asked about the relationship between this and the TIF since it is an improvement and whether or not it can be used as a TIF expense. C/T Ladick stated yes, the plan was to use TIF 5 funds for this because the roundabout project itself was a TIF 5 expense. This would be an extension of that project.

Director Ostrowski stated that on Monday, the Plan Commission recommended approval of two concepts, one for the northwest corner quadrant and the other for the southeast quadrant, both identifiable with the City slogans.

Greg Wright, 1217 Franklin Street, Executive Director of CREATE Portage County, stated they have been involved with this project since the roundabout was announced, with hopes of finding a way to create a sense of welcome to the community at that entrance. They are strongly in favor of the project and feel as though it is an investment in the community.

Motion made by Ald. Shorr, seconded by Ald. Johnson, to approve the artwork, as presented, near the newly constructed roundabout on Division Street and North Point Drive.

Ald. Phillips stated he does not like the artwork presented as it does not say Stevens Point, it just says Point. He stated the City was named after a pilot and should be on the sign. He also stated he feels as though the funding should come from private organizations and donations.

Ald. Slowinski questioned if there were any other submissions and if they are allowed to see them.

Director Ostrowski stated when this was done there were 2 or 3 other artists and they did not really capture anything. He stated he would be happy to provide them before Council. Ald. Slowinski stated he would appreciate that.

Ald. Nebel stated she would like to see something relating to the City being "Bird City." She stated she likes the current artwork, but would like to see something relating to birds also. Greg Wright stated they did discuss doing something with birds, but wanted to do something different than what other municipalities are doing. They intentionally tried to pull in the two slogans; Gateway to the Pineries and the City of Wonderful Water.

Ayes: Ald. Slowinski, Morrow, Shorr, and Johnson Nays: Ald. Phillips Motion carried.

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PAID.

The claims were discussed.

Motion made by Ald. Morrow, seconded by Ald. Johnson, to approve the claims paid in the amount of \$4,236,832,27.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #6 – ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M.) PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85(1)(E) (DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION) ON THE FOLLOWING: A. SELLING A PORTION(S) OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5950 HIGHWAY 10 EAST (PARCEL IDS 020240825-16.02,020240825-16.03, AND 020240836-01.02). B. NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF A POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO 1017 THIRD STREET (PARCEL ID 281240832200301). C. NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE BLOCK LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CENTERPOINT DRIVE AND THIRD STREET. D. NEGOTIATING

THE TERMS OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A POSSIBLE PROJECT ON WATER STREET. E. NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A POSSIBLE PROJECT AT 1443 WATER STREET (PARCELS IDS 281240832202044 AND 281240832202010).

Motion made by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. Morrow, to adjourn into closed session at 8:57 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Phillips, Slowinski, Morrow, Shorr, and Johnson
Motion carried.

Nays: None

Adjournment at 10:39 P.M.