

Meeting Minutes

Finance Committee

March 13, 2006, 6:13 P.M.

City Water Department, 300 Bliss Ave.

PRESENT: Alderpersons Barr, Molski, Walther, Moore and Stroik

ALSO PRESENT: C/T Schlice; City Attorney Molepske; City Clerk Moe; Directors Euclide, Gardner, Schrader, Halverson; Assessor Kuehn; Fire Chief Barnes; Police Chief Morris; Capt. Ruder; Ald. Sevenich, Wiza; Barber; Robinson, Hanson, Trzebiatowski; Gene Kemmeter; Heather Clark; Mike Phillips; Jeremy Slowinski; Jamie Gebert; Kareen Everman

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1. ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Walther to approve the report of the Assessor and place it on file.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

2. REQUEST TO HIRE LTE - PARKS.

C/T Schlice stated this was approved just before this meeting by the Personnel Committee and if approved, financing would be from the contingency fund.

Motion made by Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Stroik to approve the hiring of an LTE for the Parks Department with financing to come from contingency.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

3. REQUEST TO INCREASE DEDUCTIBLE FOR POLICE LIABILITY POLICY.

C/T Schlice stated we have been paying a larger premium for many years but since we have not had any claims, we have an opportunity to reduce our annual premium by about \$5,000. We can do this by increasing our deductible, which should not cause a problem due to our past history, and he recommends approval.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Barr to approve the increase of the deductible for the police liability policy.

Ald. Molski questioned if this was the same bill that was just paid in the packet of claims.

C/T Schlice stated it was and that if it was not approved, he would have to call and get an adjustment, but it needs to be paid in a timely manner. Ald. Robinson questioned if we would have a claim, where would that money come from.

C/T Schlice answered the general contingency fund.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

4. REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR KASH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

C/T Schlice stated that there is an addition since the agenda was put together. The \$10,000 request is there, but we have two sources of funding for it. We do have an old account that has been sitting for quite some time, called the (Coke or Pepsi) soda fund that was put into a trust account that can be used for recreational kids type of things and in that account we have \$4,837. The request to approve it would be to use the \$4,837 from the soda fund and the \$5,163 from the room tax, which would make the \$10,000.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Stroik to approve the request for donation for KASH playground equipment, with funding of \$4,837 coming from the soda fund and \$5,163 coming from room tax account.

Kareen Everman stated that out of the \$540,000 needed, they have raised \$500,000 so the \$10,000 will go a long way. The ground breaking will be May 20, 2006.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

5. AUTHORIZATION FOR SHORT TERM BORROWING.

C/T Schlice stated that in the packet is a list of projects we are looking a doing a short term borrowing for this year. This is just preliminary approval authorizing him to incur the initial cost of borrowing. We would come back next month with borrowing rates and more details for final approval.

Motion made by Ald. Barr, seconded by Ald. Stroik to approve the short term borrowing and report back next month with details.

Ald. Stroik wanted clarification on whether or not all of these borrowing opportunities would still come back.

C/T Schlice stated that they would see all the bids as they come through for the projects. It is basically three steps. Authorize borrowing the money, borrow the money and then as the projects are bid, they will come back to Committee for review and approval.

Ald. Robinson asked if the Airport borrowing included the restaurant.

C/T Schlice replied that it is financed as a package, that the restaurant is not split out.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

6. SALE OF LOT ON HERITAGE DRIVE - FELTZ.

C/T Schlice stated that at our previous meeting we talked about selling some of our properties, this has been discussed at Plan Commission. Mr. Feltz is making us an offer and when it was reviewed at staff level, it was found that we would come out about the same if we went through the whole thing of selling of each individual lot. When you consider paying the commissions, putting in the water and sewer and paying all the appraisal fees, we decided it would just be a better deal to just let Mr. Feltz handle the whole project. That would put the sewer in all at one time rather than trying to coordinate between two separate vendors putting in sewer.

Ald. Stroik questioned if we sold lots in the first phase.

C/T Schlice stated that we did sell a number of lots over to CAP services and they have been building one a year.

Ald. Stroik questioned if those about \$22,000.

C/T Schlice answered yes, they were all about the same, that was what we based the price on.

Motion made by Ald. Stroik, seconded by Ald. Moore to approve the sale of the lots to Mr. Feltz.

Ald. Trzebiatowski questioned if the price would be roughly \$10,000 per lot.

C/T Schlice stated yes, that would be what we would get for the lots, it is what we estimated we would net on the lots, after everything was said and done.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

*NOTE: Mr. Feltz's offer includes only one \$250 fee for Park fees (there are five lots). If approved, the other \$1,000 due for the Park fees would be netted from the transaction.

7. SALE OF SOUTHSIDE FIRE STATION.

C/T Schlice stated this went through Plan Commission last week and we have had an offer to take over the building and renovate it and for a dollar we can get rid of a lot of expense each year and do something for the community.

Ald. Stroik stated that since this is in his district and he has talked to Mary Ann Laszewski several times about this and he thinks this is a great opportunity to have that building renovated and brought back as a museum. He would fully support the sale and plan for the building.

Motion made by Ald. Stroik, seconded by Ald. Molski to approve the sale of the southside fire station.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

Motion made by Ald. Barr, seconded by Ald. Walther to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$680,058.26.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:22 p.m.

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