

Meeting Minutes

Finance Committee Minutes

March 14, 2005 at 6:45 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue

PRESENT: Chairman Barr, Ald. Rackow, Molski, Walther and Moore

ALSO PRESENT: C/T Schlice; Mayor Wescott; City Attorney Molepske, Admin. Asst. Ostrowski; Directors Euclide, Gardner; Schrader, Halvorsen; Personnel Specialist Jakusz; Fire Chief Barnes; Police Chief Morris; Capt. Dowling; Deputy C/T Wroblewski; Ald. Sevenich, Sowieja, Markham, Stroik, Wiza, Barber; Kelly McBride (Stevens Point Journal); Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette); Jami Gebert; John Moe; Roger Trzebiatowski; C.J. Robinson; George Hanson

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1 - ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

2 - AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE TIF DISTRICTS I AND III

C/T Schlice explained that this is for the Industrial Park (TIF I) and Downtown (TIF III) and is just a formality to authorize us to start processing the papers. We have recovered the money that was expended and, by law, we need to close the districts.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Walther to authorize the closing of TIF Districts I and III.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

3 - RECOMMENDATION FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - PURCHASE OF JET FUEL TRUCK

C/T Schlice recommended that this be funded out of the 2005 borrowing because we can borrow cheaper than the 7% offered lease rate. The term will also be shorter.

Motion made by Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Molski to approve the purchase of the jet fuel truck with funding from the 2005 borrowing.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

4 - FUNDING - STORM WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT

C/T Schlice stated awhile back the Council authorized applying for the grant and there would be no expenses incurred unless we were successful in getting that grant. Earthtech was successful in getting the grant and our portion of the grant is \$20,703. This would be for Phases I, II, and III. Phase IV will be something that Council would give consideration to at that point once we get through the first three phases.

Ald. Barr questioned how long that would be.

C/T Schlice stated it could be later this year, the following year and it would depend on whether we get any freezes from Madison whether or not we can afford Phase IV.

Mayor Wescott stated that would be the key. He is very pleased that C/T Schlice attached some important memos from about a year ago that went through all of the work that we are doing and he would draw everyone's attention to that memo as to why we are proceeding now with it.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Barr to proceed with the funding for the storm water management grant for the first three phases for \$20,703 with funding to come from contingency.

Ald. Sowieja questioned the expenditures of \$100,000 or more that is mentioned in the memo.

Director Euclide commented that amount is anticipated at this point because of new storm water regulations and storm water management, it will cost the City about \$100,000 a year more than what we are currently spending. When he asked the officials in Madison about future funding, their response was that they are going to require it regardless of any action of the state and the expenditure controls.

Ald. Rackow stated that it sounds like a unfunded mandate.

Ald. Markham asked what types of things we would need to spend the \$100,000 on.

Director Euclide stated that we would need to monitor the quality of the storm water, public education, we would need to implement a series of best management practices for storm water. There may be more costs involved, such as retention costs and there may be a requirement to find an alternative way of getting rid of the snow because it would have salt in it.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

5 - CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

A. CRAIG SMITH B. SUSAN RIFLEMAN

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Molski to deny the claims for Craig Smith and Susan Rifleman.

Ald. Rackow stated both letters give the time limit for the claim of disallowance and this will allow the individuals to go to their own insurance company for reimbursement.

Ald. Molski points out that we are paying the medical bills for Susan Rifleman.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

6 -APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Ald. Barr, seconded by Ald. Rackow to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$739,066.32.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

7 - AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN APPRAISAL AND ACCEPT DONATION OF LAND FROM W F SRODA JT REV TRUST ET AL

C/T Schlice stated the City Attorney has been in contact with the Srodas in regards to donating land to the City. It consists of 4 parcels totaling approximately 71 acres. The Srodas would like us to pay the back taxes of about \$3,900, have an appraisal obtained to give them a value for the land and also to put a plaque up showing a donation of land for the Green Circle. He stated it would be approximately 71 acres of land for about \$4,500.

Ald. Barr questioned if there is any potential for development.

City Attorney stated that there potential for some lots on the north side but the sewer is not high enough so it would need some type of septic tank or mound system.

C/T Schlice stated that this will have to go to the Plan Commission next month but the City Attorney wanted it started because it takes awhile to get the appraisals. We would fund it from the land acquisition account.

Ald. Molski questioned why we need the appraisal.

C/T Schlice stated that it is needed so Srodas can have a value on the property to take off from their taxes.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, Ald. Barr seconded by to authorize the appraisal and accept the donation of four parcels of land.

Ald. Sowieja questioned the taxes owed on the property.

C/T Schlice stated that they have three years of back taxes and one current year.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:59 P.M.

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