

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 14, 2003 AT 6:25 P.M.

CITY WATER DEPARTMENT

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

ALSO PRESENT: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice; Mayor Wescott, City Attorney Molepske; City Clerk Zdroik; Admin. Assistant Gebert; Directors Gardner, Schrader; Disher; Surveyor Hild; Fire Chief Barnes; Personnel Specialist Jakusz; Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw; Capt. Dowling; Transit Manager Lemke; Deputy C/T Wroblewski; Ald. Sevenich, Seiser, Moore, Sowieja, Stroik; Kate Garsombke (Stevens Point Journal); Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette); Steve Plaski

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 2. 1st Quarter Room Tax Report.
 3. Telephone System Contract.
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 6. Approval of payment of claims.
 7. Adjourn into closed session (at approximately 6:50 p.m.) pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e)(g) for negotiation of purchase of land and conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation.
 8. Reconvene into open session (approximately 10 minutes after adjourning into closed session) for action on above.
 - A. Purchase of land - Patch Street (Consolidated Papers/Stora Enso).
 - B. Consideration of reduction in personal property tax bill (John Timm).
 9. Adjournment.
- 1. ASSESSOR S REPORT**

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

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

2. FIRST QUARTER ROOM TAX REPORT

C/T Schlice reported that everything as going as planned.

Motion made by Ald. Phillips, seconded by Ald. Walther to accept the first quarter room tax report and place it on file.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

3. TELEPHONE SYSTEM CONTRACT

C/T Schlice stated since our contract is expiring December 31st and there are so many options out there, that this took a couple of years to develop, but we are recommending the attached system as it will be the most cost effective. The new system will be upgradable, and there will be noted improvements to the system. We will be in control of our own system and will have our own voice mail system. There will be no levy impact and it is a 2004 budget item, but if approved, they will start to install the system within the next sixty days so we can have savings for the balance of 2003. This would be a lease/purchase agreement with a buy out for \$1.00 in five years. We have a three year rate maximum included.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Molski to approve the telephone system contract.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

4. FUNDING VENDING EQUIPMENT - WILLETT ARENA

C/T Schlice stated that last month there was a change in the agreement in vendors that run the Willett concession stand. When the agreement changed, the vending equipment in the Willett was owned by the previous people running it and they took it when they left, so starter equipment is now needed.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve funding the vending equipment for the Willett Arena.

Ald. Seiser stated that she would like to make sure that we purchase energy efficient appliances.

C/T Schlice stated that we are getting the best we can for commercial grade.

Ald. Sowieja questioned if this was coming from the parks budget.

C/T Schlice stated that what they have asked is that we advance the funds to them to buy the vending equipment and then they will reimburse it with the profits. He questioned if that would be by the end of the year.

Director Schrader stated that he did not think that it would be by the end of the year, but rather the end of the season.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

5. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 1017 CROSBY AVENUE

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Chairman Barr to approve the purchase of the property at 1017 Crosby Avenue.

Ald. Phillips questioned why we would buy this property when it is condemned and they have to remove the house. He questioned that maybe we could get it for free since it is not buildable and has no water and sewer running to it.

Ald. Molski stated that it has been in the park plan for years and we tried to buy it several years ago. It had been looked at under the rehab program but it was too expensive to get sewer and water to it.

Director Schrader stated since 1983.

Mayor Wescott stated that all of the options have been gone through with the property owners.

Ald. Phillips questioned if we have looked at contamination.

Director Disher stated that they had a water main leak in back of it and had to do some work in the area and it was tested. The area behind the house had some contamination but the front of the house is clean.

Director Schrader stated that issue has been addressed and if there is anything there, WPS is responsible for cleaning it up. The area will be filled anyway since it is about two feet below curb level. We would have to pay \$15,000 - \$20,000 to test the site, which doesn't make sense because Public Service will clean it up if anything is found, especially since we are only paying \$20,000 for the site.

Ayes: Ald. Barr, Rackow, Molski and Walther Nays: Ald. Phillips
Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Molski to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$573,686.00.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

7. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION (AT APPROXIMATELY 6:50 P.M.) PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85 (1)(E)(G) FOR NEGOTIATION OF PURCHASE OF LAND AND CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT FOR LITIGATION

Motion made by Ald. Phillips, seconded by Ald. Rackow to adjourn into closed session at 7:37 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chairman Barr, Ald. Rackow, Phillips, Molski and Walter

Nays: None Motion carried.

8. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES AFTER ADJOURNING INTO CLOSED SESSION) FOR ACTION ON ABOVE A. PURCHASE LAND ON PATCH STREET (CONSOLIDATED PAPERS/STORA ENSO) B. CONSIDERATION OF REDUCTION IN PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILL (JOHN TIMM)

Motion made by Ald. Phillips, seconded by Ald. Rackow to reconvene into open session at 7:52 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chairman Barr, Ald. Rackow, Phillips, Molski and Walther

Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Chairman Barr to approve the purchase of land on Patch Street owned by Consolidated Papers/Stora Enso for the price of \$550,000, which is the City's portion of \$1.1 million, with the money to come from the next bond note.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ald. Molski, seconded by Ald. Rackow to accept the settlement amount of \$3,000 for the reduction in personal property taxes for John Timm.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

9. Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

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