

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 12, 2000 AT 6:45 P.M.

CITY WATER DEPARTMENT Present: Chairman Barr, Ald. Niedbalski, Rackow, Phillips, and Pazdernik

Also Present: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice; Mayor Wescott; City Attorney Molepske;

Clerk Zdroik; Interim Admin. Asst. Marciniak; Directors Van Alstine, Gardner; Assessor Kuehn; Capt. Dowling; Ald. Nealis, Walther, Kedrowski, Sevenich, Molski, Seiser; Gene Kemmeter (Gazette); Susan Kampmeier (Stevens Point Journal); Scott Krueger (WIZD); Diane Jahn; Ted Hakala (Lutheran Social Services); Lori and Joseph Moadlo

ITEMS

1. Assessor s Report.

2. Consideration of Assessment Waiver (Portion of Brilowski Road).

3. 1st Quarter Room Tax Report.

4. Funding Additional Repairs - Lincoln Center.

5. Transfer of Funds.

6. Approval of Payment of Claims.

7. Adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(e)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel on the request for tax exemption and Pilot Program in lieu of taxes - Lutheran Social Services Elderly Housing Project.

8. Reconvene into Open Session (after approximately 30 minutes) for possible action on above.

9. Adjournment.

ITEM #1 - ASSESSOR S REPORT

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

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

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ITEM #2 - CONSIDERATION OF ASSESSMENT WAIVER (PORTION OF BRILOWSKI ROAD)

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice explained that if this is approved, it would be contingent on that if a plan comes to the City, that these parcels would not be hooked into the sewer on Brilowski so they would not have a double assessment. Also the approval would be in concept only at this point so that will we not actually forgive the assessments until the land is annexed into the City. This is contingent on annexation and an approved plan.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Niedbalski to approve the assessment waiver for the portion of Brilowski Road, contingent on annexation and an approved plan.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice noted that the Water Department has paid for their portion of the assessment, so if it is forgiven some time in the future we would need to pay them \$9,700 which was for their portion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

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ITEM #3 - 1ST QUARTER ROOM TAX REPORT

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice stated that we are going along as projected. The Major Projects is at \$43,000 in the black. Then, after 4th Quarter collections are in for 2000, which would be about February 2001, the estimated balance should be \$231,000. The other areas are also doing well.

Ald. Kedrowski questioned how much was spent for interest on the Debt Service for room tax.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice stated that he would have to do a calculation off of the \$450,000 that was borrowed at the time.

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ITEM #4-FUNDING ADDITIONAL REPAIRS - LINCOLN CENTER

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice stated that back in February we approved repairs of \$5,365 based on a quote that was received by Portage County. As Mr Kolodziej was overseeing the work, it was decided that additional repairs needed to be done and it was added to the original repairs. This is our responsibility because anything over \$2,000 is ours and since it was added to the original repairs, it is over that amount.

Motion made by Ald. Niedbalski, seconded by Ald. Rackow to approve the funding of repairs at the Lincoln Center.

Ald. Niedbalski stated that work was overdue because they have been having problems for years.

Ald. Phillips stated that the last item, for replacing the condenser, should be removed because it is under \$2,000 and is a separate issue. When work was approved at the Lincoln Center it was for controls. The condenser is an equipment change and has nothing to do with controls.

Ald. Niedbalski stated that without the condenser the system would not work.

Ald. Pazdernik agreed with Ald. Phillips.

Ayes: Chairman Barr, Ald. Niedbalski and Rackow Nays: Ald. Phillips and Pazdernik
Motion carried.
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ITEM #5 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice stated that the mailing that went out on Friday had the explanation of the different areas that we are requesting transfers for. For the Department returns, any project that is not consistent with past Council policy would be brought back to the committee for consideration. The system has been in place since 1996 and has worked well. The departments are doing a good job. The crossing guards are requested because of the construction on Jefferson Street. The Michigan Avenue underpass is the same amount that has been transferred in prior years that was not previously expended. The health insurance reserve is done on an estimate on what the costs will be at the end of the year, this past year we have had unexpended funds of \$55,000 and we would request that be transferred into our health insurance reserve, which would bring us to \$593,000, with is closer to our goal of \$750,000. This will help us to make sure that we do not have any funding problems in the future.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Chairman Barr to approve the transfer of funds.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.
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ITEM #6 - APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$169,685.38.

Ald. Kedrowski questioned the diggers hotline charge.

Director Van Alstine replied that it was a mandated fee from the state.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.
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ITEM #7 - ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES 19.85 (1)(e)(g) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ON THE REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION AND PILOT PROGRAM IN LIEU OF TAXES - LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT, APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES

Motion made by Ald. Pazdernik, seconded by Ald. Niedbalski to adjourn into closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chairman Barr, Ald. Niedbalski, Rackow, Phillips, and Pazdernik

Nays: None Motion carried.
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ITEM #8 - RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion made by Ald. Phillips, seconded by Ald. Rackow to reconvene into open session at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chairman Barr, Ald. Niedbalski, Rackow, Phillips, and Pazdernik

Nays: None Motion carried.

City Attorney Molepske stated that the issue has been discussed at length and there may or may not be a favorable vote regarding it, however assuming that the Assessor would find that the proposed Lutheran Social Services building on the east side of town is tax exempt, then the City may be willing to accept the outline in the letter from Lutheran Social Services dated June 6, 2000.

Motion made by Ald. Rackow, seconded by Ald. Barr to accept the Pilot agreement as stated in the Lutheran Social Services letter of June 6, 2000, if in fact, the property is deemed tax exempt.

Ted Hakala, Lutheran Social Services, wanted to clarify that if the property was found not to be tax exempt, then the agreement would be null and void.

Ayes: Chairman Barr, Ald. Niedbalski, Rackow and Pazdernik Nays: Ald. Phillips

Motion carried.

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

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