

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Hoy at 7:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Smith, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Voss, Ald. Nitschke

Members Absent: Ald. Moede

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Bill Linzenmeyer, Sally Kahlhamer, Don Hillard, Jane Cole, Vern Rehlinger, Joan Bachhuber, Tina Marx, Brad Marx, Barb Pagel, Lois Koch, Roxie Kempfert, Juanita Schultz, June Linzenmeyer, Rick Weber, Gerry Anderson, Rick Hondlick, Karen Hondlick, Richard Guse, Sue Smith, William Thomas, Tony Thomas, Marcus Fink, Nathan Fink, Gene Frings, Scott Lane, Craig Vetter, Tom Jacquot, Terry Hubbard, Mary Gilmeister, Tony Trunkel, Ryan Vossekuil, Dennis Hockers, Kyle Parish, Ryan Toellner. Nate Klapoetke, Brad Steinbach, Sharon Chmielewski, Dena Harris

Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Treasurer’s Report.

A. Financial Report Distribution.

Shelley handed out to the council a financial summary report for the period ended September 30th.

B. 2009 Budget Update.

Shelley explained that she will wait to make her comments on the budget until item #12 on the agenda.

Item #5 - Golf Course Update.

No one was present from the golf course.

A. Financials Update.

B. Membership Update.

C. Banquet and Outings Update.

D. Building and Course Update.

E. Staff Update.

Item #6 – Discuss/Approve Change to Mayville Fire Department 2008 Fundraisers.

Chief Williams explained that the request is to add another fundraiser for 2008. The money from the fundraisers are used to pay for the fireman’s life insurance and equipment. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Nitschke to approve the change to the Mayville Fire Department 2008 Fundraisers. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 –Discuss Ways of Improving Efficiencies/Cost Savings within City Departments.

Ald. Pasbrig explained at the last finance meeting he had requested all department heads to look for efficiencies/cost savings within their department or across other departments. All departments did provide feedback and the ideas were given to the council. Ald. Pasbrig explained that he would like the items/ideas to be put into a chart form by department and to be made available for next month’s finance meeting for further discussion.

Item #8 –Discuss/Recommend 2009 Stray Animal Contract.

Kathie explained that she had put together a comparison as to the costs that were going to be changing from the 2008 animal contract. Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Nitschke to recommend to council the 2009 stray animal contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 –Discuss/Recommend Schedule of Fees for 2009.

Kathie reviewed the proposed changes to the schedule of fees for 2009. All of the proposed changes have already been reflected in next years proposed budget. Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Nitschke to recommend to council the schedule of fees for 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Item #10 –Discuss/Recommend Lifequest Rate Increases.

Scott Dutzle the Assistant EMS Corrdinator explained the Lifequest had done another rate survey and our rates appear to below the average. Ald. Pasbrig explained that the rate increases would be used to offset other expenses in the general fund. This would be a win/win situation. Shelley explained that the increases have already been added to next year's budget. There was a question as to how this affects Medicare patients. It was explained that there is a set limit that Medicare pays. It was noted that Lifequest didn't include numbers for Medicare patients in the estimated budget figure increase. Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Nitschke to recommend to council the Lifequest rate increases. Motion carried 5-0.

Item #11 –Discuss/Review RFP's for the City's 2009 Liability, Workers Compensation, and Property Insurance.

Shelley explained that she put together the information from the RFP's that were submitted. Shelley reviewed the four companies that submitted an RFP. Shelley reviewed the summary that she put together. She also explained some terminology that was on the spreadsheet. There was a discussion as to the next step. Another meeting was set for October 30th at 3:00 p.m. for the insurance companies to come in and do a presentation and sell their proposals. Kathie will contact the insurance agents and let them know the date and time of the meeting. Shelley will be giving a copy of the spreadsheet to the insurance companies that submitted RFPs.

Item #12 –Discuss/Recommend 2009 City Budget.

Ald. Hoy explained that at the last meeting the committee came up with a list of items that they wanted to discuss further. There needs to be a decision made as to if all the items that were removed from the budget due to the Mayor's 15% reduction request will stay removed. Ald. Hoy asked why we need to have extra money in the budget at the end. The Mayor explained that it is hard to go in a new direction if we don't plan. The budget proposed has direction and a purpose. He recommends that the council picks a number to have as a fund balance. The Mayor explained why it is necessary for us to have a fund balance. Shelley explained that rebuilding our fund balance isn't going to happen overnight. We currently have a negative fund balance. It took us 10 years to get in the situation we are in. Shelley explained that it is recommended that we have three months of operating revenue in reserves. She also explained that we need to look at how much we cut in expenditures as this will affect next year's revenues due to expenditure restraints. There was a discussion as to how much we should have in our undesignated fund balance. Ald. Hoy recommended \$100,000. Ald. Smith reminded the council that the goal was to have \$1,000,000 in fund balance in 5 years. He feels we may need \$150,000-\$175,000 because we may need another \$100,000 just to cover salt for next year. Items for discussion-Parks & Rec. It was explained that the outdoor pool was not in the budget. The money that would be used for the pool \$27,848 was transferred to the Tag Center to cover the shortfall. Also an additional shortfall of \$82,807 for the Tag Center will be coming out of the general fund. This is the first year that tax payer money will be used to cover the shortfall of the Tag Center. The previous Tag Center shortfalls will need to be addressed in the future. Shelley explained that if the outdoor pool is put back into the budget more money will be needed to cover the shortfall of the Tag Center. Ald. Hoy expressed that we can't do across the board cuts. It affects some departments more than others. Ald. Pasbrig expressed that we need to look at the overall impact to help the city. We don't want to compromise the safety of the population. Ald. Voss expressed that he isn't for closing the outdoor pool. There was a discussion on how not many communities can afford to support two pools. There was a straw poll done to determine how many people were in favor of leaving the outdoor pool out of the budget. Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Nitschke and Ald. Hoy were in favor and Ald. Smith and Ald. Voss were against. A short intermission was taken at the request of Ald. Hoy. Items for discussion-Public Works. Vern reported that he had originally budgeted \$80,000 for paving. He explained that he came up with this figure by using the state road evaluation system (WISLR).

He explained how the rating system works and that the city has had a rating of above 7 in the past. We are drifting down to a rating of 6 because we aren't doing enough maintenance to keep up. The longer we wait to do the maintenance the more it will cost in the future. This can also affect our state transportation aids in the future. The \$8,500 that is left in the paving budget would allow for crack filling. Vern explained that he did consider the employee situation in his department but feels he needs all his employees for snow removal. There was a discussion as to adding back money in for paving and what would be an acceptable amount. Vern explained that he doesn't want to bid the project out without a minimum of \$40,000. Vern explained that this amount would be better than nothing however this would still cause them to fall behind in the evaluation system. A straw poll was done to determine how many people were in favor of increasing the public works paving by \$31,500. Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Smith, Ald. Voss were in favor and Ald. Hoy was against. Items for discussion Police Department. Chief Linzenmeyer reviewed handouts on number of full-time enforcement employees in Wisconsin as of October 31, 2005, the Wisconsin taxpayer's alliance survey, a paper that was written by a student about the police department, the January 21 2008 personnel committee minutes and the police officer's vacation and holiday hours for 2008. The Chief explained that activity in his department has increased and a reduction in staffing will increase overtime by double. He expressed that he is concerned with the safety of his officers. Expecting officers to work by themselves is wrong. They currently have two officers on third shift. He expressed his concern for putting additional work on his officers and how this will affect employee efficiency and morale. Ald. Pasbrig asked the Chief to review some of his efficiency suggestions that he had made. The Chief reviewed his ideas for the tax intercept program, implementing a municipal court and increasing our fines. Ald. Smith expressed that he has respect for police officers however 42% of the budget is for the police department. He asked if there is anything that can be done to reduce the \$1,013,411.00 police department 2009 budget. The Chief explained that they have looked into streamlining expenses and overtime. He expressed that he has looked at all his options and can't find any more to cut out. Ald. Smith explained that we won't have a balance budget if we don't cut the police department budget. Ald. Smith explained the option of implementing a wheel tax. He explained that this tax would be paid when people pay for their annual registration of their vehicles. He mentioned about implementing a \$10.00 wheel tax in which the DOT would keep \$.10 for their administration costs. He estimated about the City having around 1,500 vehicles that this would affect and thought this could bring in around \$48,000-\$51,000 of revenue for the city. There was discussion as to putting a time frame on the tax. More investigation will be done on this before the next finance meeting which was set for Monday October 27th at 5:00 p.m. The Chief will try to come up with additional items that he can cut out of his budget for the next finance meeting. Another suggestion that was mentioned by the Mayor was looking at the longevity for non-union employees. Ald. Hoy expressed that she would like to see the council donate 15% of their salary back to the city. Items for discussion Fire Department. There was a suggestion to see if the chamber would ask for corporate sponsors to sponsor the fireworks. The donation would come into the city but the chamber would do the marketing. It was suggested that Roger work with Christine to sell the old pumper truck overseas. Roger explained that he was planning on putting the pumper truck in a magazine to sell. Items for discussion General Administration. There was some discussion as to add back \$2,000 each for both Main Street and Chamber to make the contribution for each \$6,000 which is what was given to them last year. A straw poll was taken with Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Smith, Ald. Hoy, and Ald. Voss all in favor of increasing the amounts to each by \$2,000. Items for discussion Comptroller. There was some discussion as to leaving the salary/benefits for the comptroller/treasurer at 75% which is what was initially proposed. A straw poll was taken with Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Smith, Ald. Hoy and Ald. Voss all in favor of leaving the comptroller/treasurer salary/benefits at 75%. There was also some discussion as to possibly putting \$500 back into the budget for training for the new comptroller/treasurer. Everyone was in agreement on this. Shelley explained that she had not received the finalized library budget yet. The proposed library budget was \$46.00 less than what she had figured. This budget won't be approved until the November library meeting. Shelley explained that she had not received the senior center budget yet. Ald. Hoy explained that she talked to Carla Hagen from the cemetery association as to what the money is used for that the city gives them. She would like to look into this more for next year. Vern mentioned that he had put information in the council's box awhile ago regarding the possibility of implementing a storm water utility. This has revenue potential of around \$70,000-\$80,000.

Item #13 –Update on Property Disposal Ordinance.

Ald. Hoy explained that there was nothing new on this but that she wanted to keep it on the agenda so it is not forgotten.

Item #14 –Adjournment

Motion by Smith, second by Nitschke to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk