

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
OCTOBER 3, 2017

Chairperson Holzem called the meeting to order at 1:30PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Ald. Brian Holzem, Mayor Brian Landers and Ald. Dar Mor
Excused: Ald. Mike Freel
Others: City Clerk Nancy R. Holzem, City Treasurer Karen Terry, Director of Public Works David Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Fire Chief Scott Walsh, Police Chief Jody Ward, Ald. Ben Anderson, Ald. Ed Wojnicz, Assistant City Attorney Joe Hasler and Ed Legge from the *Dells Events*.
2. Motion by Ald. Mor seconded by Mayor Landers to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Works and Utilities Director David Holzem presented his proposed 2018 operating budget for the Public Works Department which came in with a 3.69% increase (\$41,596). D. Holzem's request included hiring one full time position, noting he would eliminate the two LTE positions previously budgeted. This request is valued at \$29,000. Estimated revenues increased by 6.53% (\$3,171) due to a increase in snow removal services.

The proposed 2018 operating budget for the Water Utility included a .25% (\$2,070) increase in revenue and a 2.97% increase (\$21,633) in expenses. The proposed 2018 operating budget for the Sewer Utility included a 1.31% increase (\$16,265) in expenditures and a .15% increase (\$18,265) in revenue. D. Holzem stated there will be an increase in operating cost due to the new dryer at the WWTP once it becomes operational in 2018. The proposed 2018 budget for the Electric Utility included a 1.58% decrease in revenue (\$113,301) and a 3.8% decrease (\$276,177) in expenditures due to lower purchased power costs.

City Planner Chris Tollaksen presented the Building & Sign Inspection budget with a .53% increase (\$318) in revenue and a 2.34% decrease (\$1,452) in expenses. Planning & Zoning budget was presented with a 9.09% increase (\$1,000) in revenue a 6.28% increase (\$4,103) in expenses due to contract services with MSA.

Police Chief Jody Ward presented the proposed 2018 budget for the Police Department which included a 0% increase in revenue and a 19% increase (\$379,102) in expenses. Chief Ward stated the Police Department is dramatically understaffed and requested four new patrol officers and a \$5,000 increase to promote one officer to Sergeant. Ward provided the Committee with statistics of surrounding communities staffing levels and crime reports in comparison with the City's. Mayor Landers stated he felt Public Safety has to be the number one priority in our community. Ald. Mor and Chair Holzem stated they would be in favor of hiring one full time officer as well as a full time public works

employee if the budget could support it. Mayor Landers requested City Treasurer Karen Terry to review the full City budget and examine what the impact of no longer participating in the Expenditure Restraint Program. Chairperson Holzem requested the Committee revisit the Police Department request at the next meeting.

Chief Ward presented the Departments PRT requests including two equipped squad cars totaling \$76,875, a new computer aided dispatch and data conversion totaling \$30,000.

Chief Ward presented the 2018 Parking Utility budget with an overall 14.42% increase (\$75,000) in revenue and expenses. Chief Ward's request include \$133,500 in capital expenditures including 3 new paystations and 100 new meter heads and \$65,000 for capital reserves.

Chief Ward stated there will be no change in the Public Safety & Training budget as well as no change to the Emergency Government budget for 2018.

Fire Chief Scott Walsh presented the proposed 2018 operating budget for the Fire Department noting there was no increase in the operating budget. City Treasurer Karen Terry stated there will be a small increase in the revenue to the 2% Dues resulting in \$64,551 from the General Fund in 2018.

BID Chairperson Kelli Trumble presented the 2018 proposed budget for the Business Improvement District. The BID assessments will increase 10% for the 2018 budget. Trumble noted the increase would include a possible winter festival and a project reserve of \$71,545. Chair Holzem questioned why the BID would assess for projects that have yet to be determined. Holzem requested a review of the BID surplus accounts to ensure there was funding for the Woodside Developer Agreement before reserving funds for new projects.

5. Mayor Landers requested the next budget review meeting to be scheduled for 1:00 pm vs. 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 10th. The Committee unanimously agreed.
6. No Items for future meetings.
7. Motion by Ald. Mor seconded by Mayor Landers to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Karen Terry, City Treasurer