

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
OCTOBER 10, 2017

Chairperson Holzem called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. 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, Ald. Mike Freel and Ald. Dar Mor

Others: City Clerk Nancy R. Holzem, City Treasurer Karen Terry, Library Director Cathy Borck, Director Thad Meister, Police Chief Jody Ward and Ed Legge from the *Dells Events*.
2. Motion by Ald. Mor seconded by Ald. Freel to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Library Director Cathy Borck presented the proposed 2018 operating budget for the Kilbourn Library which included a 1.34% increase (\$7,364) in expenses and a 5.59% increase (\$20,684) in revenue due to Lake Delton's contribution for 2018.

Parks & Receptions Director Thad Meister presented his proposed 2018 operating budget with a 3.93% increase (\$18,590) in expenses over all areas. The request includes running the concession stands located in the City parks. Meister stated the clubs that previously ran the concessions are no longer interested in providing this service. The Committee agreed this was a nice service and would like to see them remain open and staffed if the budget can support it.

Meister presented the Parks Department PRT requests to include \$112,000 towards the Bowman Stable building. Mayor Landers asked Meister how high on the priority list this building is in comparison to other projects listed. Meister stated the Parks comprehensive plan revealed this project in the top three Park priorities. Meister also stated he has sought out donations for the remaining amount needed to complete this project. Noting the estimated cost of the project is \$750,000 (\$280k reserved + \$112 requested + \$350k estimated donations). Ald. Mor stated he felt this was too expensive of a project and thought it could be scaled back. Meister agreed to revisit the plans and see where things could be cut.

Meister presented the River & Bays 2018 proposed budget. City Clerk Nancy Holzem asked if the fees would be going up this year to reflect the 3% increase in even years. Meister noted the revenue does not reflect a 3% increase in fees and would update this.

City Clerk Nancy Holzem presented the 2018 Council and Administrative operating budgets with a 2.7% increase in expenditures (\$11,655) due to an increase in council salaries and property insurance premiums. The Municipal Court budget reflects 2.4% increase (\$2,498) in expenses.

City Treasurer Karen Terry presented the proposed 2018 TIF & Debt Service budgets. Terry noted that the TIF's projected 2018 increment will be sufficient to cover the debt payments and expected expenditures in 2018. The total Debt Service levy for 2018 will be \$869,866. This is 1.72% savings from the prior year. Terry also noted there will be some special assessment revenue that will off-set a small portion of the debt payments.

Terry also recapped the Premier Resort Tax and requests from each department. The 2018 requests are as follows:

\$200,000 – Economic Development Projects
\$43,804 - Fire Truck Lease – Fire Department
\$13,750 – Tables/Floor Scrubber - Community Center
\$15,000 – Veteran's Park Path – Parks Department
\$112,000 –Bowman Stable Building – Parks Department
\$50,000 – Retaining Wall Jenkins Park – Parks Department
\$77,000 – (2) Squads & Equipment – Police Department
\$30,000 – Dispatch Software Upgrades – Police Department

The Committee agreed to post-pone the Dispatch upgrades and revisit for 2019.

Terry presented the PRT-Economic Development budget noting the expected carryover for 2017 will be about \$750,000, in addition to the \$540,000 earned in 2018. Terry stated the Eddy Street Traffic Lights have already been approved for \$350,000 and recommended completing the street reconstruction and possible streetscape on Eddy for 2018.

Chief Ward spoke to the Committee about the importance of hiring more patrol officers. City Treasurer Karen Terry stated she reviewed the impact of not participating in the Expenditure Restraint Program and said this would cause an 11% tax increase in some portions of the City. Terry also stated that if both Police and Public Works hired one employee on April 1st, 2017 the City would still meet the expenditure restraint guidelines for aid. The Committee requested Terry calculate all changes suggested over the last two budget meetings to include the 75% hires and bring it back to the Committee for a decision on October 16th.

5. No additional comments.
6. Motion by Ald. Mor seconded by Ald. Freel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Karen Terry, City Treasurer