

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
OCTOBER 16, 2020

Chairperson Holzem called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. 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 Ed Wojnicz, Ald. Mike Freel and Ald. Terry Marshall
Others: City Treasurer Karen Terry, City Clerk Sarah Brown, Library Director Cathy Borck, Director Thad Meister, Tara Anchor representing the BID and Erica Dynes from *Dells Events*.
2. Motion by Ald. Marshall seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. BID Chairperson Tara Anchor presented the 2020 proposed budget for the Business Improvement District. Anchor noted the District will not be increasing their assessments for 2021 budget. Anchor detailed the Districts plans to create a lighting attraction for the Christmas season, and requested approval of the funding to pursue this in 2021.

Library Director Cathy Borck presented the proposed 2020 operating budget for the Kilbourn Library which included a .76% decrease (\$4,383) in expenses due to personnel changes and a .79% increase (\$3,616) in revenue due to Lake Delton's contribution for 2021.

City Treasurer Karen Terry presented the 2021 Council and Administrative operating budgets with a 1.49% decrease in expenditures (\$6,562) due to a change in personnel.

The Municipal Court budget reflects 11.2% decrease (\$13,083) in expenses due wage allocation updates. Chairperson Holzem noted the Municipal Court revenue was down again this year and ask for a 5 year review be conducted and brought to the Committee for review.

City Treasurer Karen Terry presented the 2021 EMS budget provided by the EMS Commission. Terry noted the proposal is requesting a 15.5% increase over the prior year. Chairperson Holzem stated the collection of revenues has become an issue over the last few years driving this contribution up. Terry asked if the City could explore a possible new allocation method.

City Treasurer Karen Terry presented the proposed 2021 TIF & Debt Service budgets noting the City entered into a new debt issue in 2020 for TIF #2 to complete the Trout Road improvements and multi-use trail. The total debt service levy for 2021 will be \$866,689. Terry also noted there will be some special assessment revenue that will off-set a small portion of the debt payments.

K. Terry presented the Premier Resort Tax budget for 2021 with \$1.61 million in expected revenue to be allocated as follows: \$645,000 to General PRT, \$645,000 to DPW PRT and \$322,500 to Econ Development PRT. Terry noted the Econ Dev PRT is reserved for the City portion of the debt service for the new high school. Terry stated with the pandemic not yet behind us, it is very difficult to predict next year's revenues. Holzem asked to provide a list of "must fund" projects for the next budget meeting to further making a decision on what projects to fund. Parks and Recreation Director Thad Meister brought actual estimates per the request of the committee to develop the Deerwood Glen park. The Committee agreed to pledge \$30,000 of PRT if the funding is realized.

K. Terry presented the Room Tax budget for 2021 with a decrease of \$10,000 noting the 3 year average included the 2020 summer that severely impacted by COVID-19.

4. Mayor Wojnicz stated he would be in contact with Village leaders to discuss the EMS budget and the committee will schedule a follow-up meeting to finalize all budgets at that time.
5. No items for referral.
6. Motion by Ald. Freel seconded by Ald. Marshall to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Karen Terry, City Treasurer