



MINUTES
COMMITTEE #1
REVENUES, DISBURSEMENTS, WATER AND WASTEWATER
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Committee #1 - Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater met on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Council/Committee Members present: George Adrian, Rob Kiefer, Paul Olson, Mayor Hoffman, Amy Mason (arrived at 4:40pm).

Others present: Finance Mgr/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Public Utilities Manager Connie Freagon, Chippewa Falls Senior Center Director Angie Walker, Chippewa County Housing Authority (Vision Program) Representative Ruth Rosenow.

Call to Order: 4:30 PM

Items of business to be discussed or acted upon at this meeting are shown on the attached agenda below:

1. Presentations from organizations requesting 2015 funding from the City. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Chippewa Falls Senior Center Director Angie Walker and Chippewa County Housing Authority (Vision Program) Representative Ruth Rosenow presented requests for city funding for 2015. Decisions on the level of funding will be made during the budget process.

No action taken.

2. Review preliminary 2015 Budget data. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Finance Manager Bauer updated the Committee on the progress of the 2015 Budget. Operational budgets were briefly discussed and a summary of proposed changes from 2014 to 2015 was presented. Departments needing further analysis are listed and include the impact of streets and library increases. Current health insurance options were discussed as well as the impact of continuing those plans with the proposed 2015 premium increases. Additional discussion on operational and personnel costs, omitted budget requests and revenues will continue at the next meeting.

No action taken.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Kiefer/Olson to adjourn at 5:57 PM. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Minutes submitted by,
Lynne Bauer, Finance Manager/Treasurer**

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October 30, 2013

*Mayor Greg Hoffman & the City Council Members
City of Chippewa Falls
30 West Central Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729*

Regarding: Chippewa Falls Area Senior Center

Dear Mayor Hoffman & City Council Members:

This is a formal request and an opportunity for us to share our success about our wonderful Senior Center, and to ask for your assistance once again in budgeting the \$16,000.00 you have graciously given to support us financially the past few years. Being a stand-alone non-profit organization we rely on funds from the City, County meal site, grants, individual memberships, and Center fundraisers, and others who support us. We must operate so as expenses arise, we can pay our liabilities immediately. However, we could not do this without the City's financial assistance. The following analysis will strengthen your justification for these funds.

Our Senior Center is one of a kind and a valuable asset to our City as well as our community. Continuing to develop into a united front for our senior citizen population within the city as well as the surrounding areas. The Center is a voting poll for the first and fifth ward which allows the community to see what the Center offers. For the past two years the Center had a booth at the Northern Wisconsin Fair and found it to be extremely beneficial. It was amazing how many people stopped to inquire about the Senior Center, and were impressed at what it offered expressing their gratitude when relating to parents and grandparents. Starting in 2013, the AARP Tax Service has relocated from their past library location to the Senior Center. Offering this service has broadened the awareness of the Center, we extended hours to accommodate more individuals, making it convenient for all ages including handicap accessibility. Collaborating with agencies, businesses, Veteran's Home, youth school programs, City, and County organizations helped to meet the needs of our members. We are tremendously proud of our senior center and what it stands for, and we positively affect our senior population, as well as all ages within our community. Our center is also well-known for our "thrift store" which is very affordable serving many families throughout Chippewa County.

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October 30, 2014

Mayor Greg Hoffman & the City Council Members

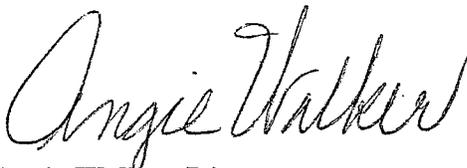
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Our members come to us after a point in their lives when the world seems to be on the fast track and they want to slow down, and be with people who have the same interests. Throughout our years of growth since 1995, we have remained focused on the needs of our senior population. It is extremely important we invite professional speakers to provide a continued awareness of computer training, health & wellness, weight lifting, safety, Medicare and insurance concerns. To enhance socialization skills, we also offer activities such as bingo, bunco, crafts/painting, Bible Study, quilting groups, Wii bowling, day trips, dances, and parties.

Our most recent outreach to members and businesses in the community is the Center's newsletter entitled "Senior Connections" (included). It is bulk mailed monthly to our paid members and delivered throughout Chippewa County to several businesses totaling 900 circulations. There is no cost to the Senior Center. "Senior Connections" is paid 100% by the ads placed from local businesses. Due to its exceptional appearance, content and circulations, several have contacted our publishing company expressing interest to become a new advertiser or remain active. The newsletter continues to peak the curiosity of many who normally would not have any knowledge of the great opportunities offered to our seniors and community.

The Senior Center could not stand united and strong in our community without your support and assistance. It is our obligation to strive without hesitation continuing to build a foundation and look to the future with empowered strength and dedication for our present and future senior population.

Sincerely,



Angie Walker, Director
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CITY DONATION SUMMARY - COMMITTEE #1 DISCUSSION - OCTOBER 28 and NOVEMBER 4, 2014

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 Requested	Increase/Decrease	2014 Adopted	2015 Requested	Increase/Decrease	2015 Recomm.
CF SENIOR CENTER	\$ 17,500	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$0	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$0	
CHIPPEWA CO EDC	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,661	\$3,661	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,676	\$ 3,676	
CF MAIN ST	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$0	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$0	
VISION PROGRAM	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$0	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$0	
PATRIOTIC COUNCIL	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,070	\$ 705	\$ 500	\$ 617	\$117	\$ 500	\$ 495	(\$5)	
STARTING POINTS					\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 10,000	\$9,000	\$ 1,000	\$0	\$ (1,000)	
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS						\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$0	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500	\$1,500	
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$ 59,650	\$ 54,650	\$ 54,590	\$ 54,570	\$ 50,205	\$ 51,000	\$ 63,778	\$12,778	\$ 51,000	\$ 55,171	\$ 4,171	
ROOM TAX	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015				
CF CHAMBER	\$ 131,236	\$ 122,915	\$ 138,288	\$ 165,690	\$ 168,976	\$ 164,834						



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October 27, 2014

Lynne Bauer, Clerk/Finance Manager
City of Chippewa Falls
30 W. Central St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Dear Lynne:

Chippewa County Housing Authority is requesting the City's continued financial support for the VISION Program in the amount of \$5,000. I have enclosed a copy of our budget for 2015 fiscal year along with some brochures about the program. Since we are aware of the difficult budget decisions the City is facing, I want to point out that we are not asking for any increase in our budget. In fact, we have not asked for an increase since 2002.

As you can see from the enclosed budget, the City's funding is a critical part of our funding. We find that approximately 50% of the households we serve live in the City of Chippewa Falls.

For new finance committee members, VISION is a minor home repair program administered by Chippewa County Housing Authority. It assists low-income homeowners (mostly elderly) with minor home repairs by utilizing community volunteers. The homeowner pays for the materials and the volunteers provide the labor. The VISION field supervisor serves as the coordinator for the projects drawing up the work plan, ordering/purchasing materials and delivering them to the site, matching volunteers to the jobs and supervising the volunteers to assure the work get done to the satisfaction of the homeowner. This is a unique program that is truly community based.

VISION could not exist without the City's financial support. We hope that you will continue to fund the VISION Program.

Sincerely,

Ruth Rosenow
Executive Director

Enclosures



Equal Opportunity

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Housing Provider

VISION PROGRAM

2015 BUDGET

INCOME

City of Chippewa Falls	\$ 5,000
Housing Authority	\$ 6,650
Donations	\$ 500
Interest	\$ <u>50</u>
Total Income	\$ 12,200

Expenses

Salary	\$ 7,750
Benefits	\$ 1,750
Mileage	\$ 900
Licensing/Training	\$ 800
Insurance	\$ 850
Tool Replacement	\$ <u>150</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 12,200

Reasons to fund the VISION Program!

The families we serve are extremely low-income homeowners

30% of the families served have incomes below 30% of the median income!

47% of the families served have incomes below 50% of the median income!

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30% CMI	\$13,650	\$15,600	\$17,550	\$19,450	\$21,505	\$22,600	\$24,150	\$26,700
50% CMI	\$22,700	\$29,950	\$29,200	\$32,4000	\$35,000	\$37,600	\$40,200	\$42,800
80% CMI	\$36,300	\$41,500	\$46,700	\$51,850	\$56,000	\$60,150	\$64,300	\$68,450

60% of clients are elderly

62% are female head of households

56% served have a member of the household who has a disability

There is no other service in the County to replace the VISION Program.

Most contractors do not want to come and do the work that is done under the VISION program because they have to charge so much for a service call. It is not cost effective for them. Many professional contractors encourage homeowners to call VISION! Many contractors are not familiar with the codes/specifications for accessibility improvements. Sometimes VISION has to "redo" accessibility work by private contractors or families as the ramp is too steep or grab bars are installed in the wrong spot or at the wrong angle.

The program helps low-income homeowners to maintain their homes and neighborhoods.

VISION projects are usually located in older neighborhoods that are susceptible to deterioration. VISION helps to keep the homes in decent condition and helps to keep the neighborhood from deteriorating.

The program allows low-income elderly and disabled homeowners to remain in their homes by providing affordable accessibility work.

Many of the projects involve making housing accessible by building exterior ramps, widening doors, and installing grab bars and/or raised toilets in bathrooms to accommodate homeowners returning home after surgery, for a permanent disability or both. Many referrals come from service agencies such as Chippewa County Departments of Public Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Community Health Partnership, area nursing homes and hospital social services for placing rehabilitated persons back home.

The program promotes community involvement through service organizations, schools, churches, and meaningful restitution work.

Sometimes clients who are linked with volunteers from the community maintain the relationship and the volunteers provide future service on their own. Using youth from our community for such meaningful work can develop a lifelong habit of community service!

EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE VISION PROGRAM IS DOING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Household: 53 yr. old disabled couple # of Volunteers: 2 # of Hours: 70 Project Cost:\$810.00

- Handicap Ramp
 - Assessed/measured
 - Drew up plan and gave estimate
 - Permit and materials obtained
 - Pre-built sections, painted skid texture
 - Installed ramp, steps and deck out to front door
 - Added walk pads

Household: 46 yr. old disabled couple # of Volunteers: 0 # of Hours:11 Project Cost:\$262.40

- New Entry Door
 - Ordered special order door
 - Removed old entry door
 - Install wider door to accommodate for wheel chair accessibility

Household: 75 yr. old female # of Volunteers: 0 # of Hours: 5.5 Project Cost: \$75.00

- Re-install siding, install new faucet and repair foundation
 - Purchased new faucet
 - Re-installed siding that fell off home
 - Cement patched back corner of garage foundation
 - Remove old kitchen faucet and installed new

Household: 91 yr. old female # of Volunteers: 0 # of Hours: 7.25 Project Cost: \$20.00

- Replace boards on ramp
 - Accessed need three 3 foot deck boards and texture paint
 - Replaced 3 outer step boards and textured whole ramp

Household: 59 yr. old disabled female **# of Volunteers:** 0 **# of Hours:** 8 **Project Cost:** \$0

- Kitchen and bath faucets, clogged drains, and railing in attic
 - Assessed
 - Kitchen drain removed, cleaned, replaced and plunged
 - Tub drain cleaned
 - Aerators cleaned in both kitchen and bath
 - Stabilized attic railing and added two new rails

Household: 39 yr. old female head of household with disabled child **# of Volunteers:** 7 **# of Hours:** 42.5 **Project Cost:** \$0

- Ramp and deck to home
 - Assessed and received donated materials
 - Concrete footings poured
 - Ramp and deck installed from driveway to left side door of home
 - Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity paid for the materials as a grant to the owner

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY HOUSING
AUTHORITY
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A Minor Home Repair Program

The VISION Program is designed to assist low-income homeowners with small home repairs. The homeowner pays for the materials and VISION Staff coordinate community volunteers to do the labor.

To become eligible, persons must have a family income, before taxes, of less than the following:

Family Size	Maximum Income
1	36,300
2	41,500
3	46,700
4	51,850
5	56,000
6	60,150

MINOR HOME REPAIRS

Who: Low to Moderate- income single-family homeowners.

Where: Chippewa County

Materials: The homeowner pays for the materials.

Labor: A staff of community based volunteers with the homeowner's assistance gets the job done.

What Kind of Home Repairs?

- ❖ Plastering
- ❖ Minor Electrical
- ❖ Minor Plumbing
- ❖ General Carpentry
- ❖ Handicapped modifications
- ❖ Handicap Ramps
- ❖ Exterior Painting

VISION PROCESS

Applications can be taken over the phone. Within two weeks the VISION Field Supervisor will contact the applicant and set up an appointment to look at the repair.

Sometimes the simple repairs can be done right on the spot. IF the repair requires additional materials or will take more time, the Field Supervisor will develop a plan and the repair will be scheduled for a future date.

The Field Supervisor will ask you about relatives, neighbors or friends you know who might be recruited as volunteers to assist with your project. The VISION Program also has a pool of volunteers who can be called upon when the applicant has no volunteer resources of their own.

If the cost of materials is more than the applicant can afford to pay all at one time, the VISION Program can set up a payment plan that allows you to make monthly payments that are affordable to you.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding home improvements or if you are interested in volunteering, please fill in and send the attached information below

Chippewa County Housing Authority is the proud sponsor of these housing programs for low and moderate-income Chippewa County residents:

❖ HUD Section 8 Rental Assistance

❖ CDBG Home repair loan programs in rural Chippewa County, the Cities of Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Stanley, and the Villages of Boyd, Cadott, and New Auburn.

❖ Tax Program-Assistance for homeowners with delinquent property taxes.

❖ Mortgage Assistance for homeowners who are behind in their payments and are in danger of foreclosure

❖ First time homebuyer assistance including down payment, closing costs, or home repair loans.

❖ HELP (Homeless Emergency Loan Program) for assistance with security deposit or first month's rent.

For more about these contact us at



information programs 715-726-7933

VISION

(Volunteer Improvement Service In Our Neighborhoods)



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