



Minutes
Committee No. 1
Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater
March 9, 2011

Committee #1 – Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater met on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee/Council Members Present: Michael Dahlby, Bill Hicks, George Adrian, Jane Lardahl.

Other Attendees: Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Finance Mgr./Treasurer Lynne Bauer, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Lieutenant Chuck Goettl, Utility Office Manager Connie Freagon.

The meeting was called to order at: 5:00 PM.

Item #1: Discuss department carryover requests with possible recommendations to the Council.

The Committee discussed three department carryover requests from 2010 to 2011:

Motion by Hicks/Adrian, all present voting aye, to approve the carryover of \$4,300.00 from Fire Dept Account #10.52200.5292. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Hicks/Adrian, all present voting aye, to approve the carryover of \$600 from Wellness Account #10.51430.5300. **Motion carried.**

The Committee also discussed another request regarding a carryover from the Data Processing Department in the amount of \$5000 to purchase software through the County IT Department for an employee Intranet site. Committee members agreed that this item should be part of a long-term plan between the County and City IT Depts, and chose not to authorize the purchase of software at this time.

Item #2: Discuss Office of Justice Assistance Grant award for Fire Department radio hardware and equipment. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Fire Chief Tom Larson summarized a grant opportunity for replacing radios in the Fire Department that will become obsolete in 2012 and 2013. The grant pays for radio hardware and equipment at a cost of matching funds by the City of approximately \$8412. In addition, there will be installation costs of approximately \$1000. Also discussed was the need to replace radios at Station 2 at an approximate cost of \$2000

per radio however Chief Larson was instructed to investigate the possibility of grant funding for those. Funding for these radios was discussed and included current budgeted amounts as well as land sale monies.

Motion by Hicks/Adrian, all present voting aye, to authorize funding, not to exceed \$12,000, from land sale revenue, to replace radios and equipment in Station 2, maximizing Office of Justice Assistance Grants. **Motion carried.**

Item #3: Discuss the impact of the State's Budget Repair Bill and proposed Budget on the City's Finances for 2011 and future years. Possible recommendations to the Council.

It was noted that neither the Budget Repair Bill or the proposed Budget have been adopted, but that the City should estimate the potential impact and not wait to adapt. Impacts include loss of state aid and limits on the City's ability to generate revenue. Discussions focused on State aid, personnel, and monitoring the State budget process.

State Aid

It is estimated that the proposed budget may reduce State Aid by no less than \$625,000 including: Share revenue (\$300,000); Expenditure Restraint funding (\$200,000); General Transportation funding (\$65,000); and Recycling grant (\$60,000).

Union Contracts

It was noted that through a tentative agreement reached on March 1 with two of the City's AFSCME Unions, that concessions made by the Unions would assist toward the 2011 and 2012 budget issues. The three other City Unions have also made changes to their contracts that will also help with future budget issues.

Hiring

No action was taken to remove funding that was budgeted in 2011 for hiring staff, however, Dept. Heads have been directed to not fill any positions prior to adoption of the State Budget and further consideration by the Council. Recruitment may continue.

Item #4: Adjournment.

Motion by Adrian/Hicks, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 7:13 PM. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:

Lynne Bauer, Finance Mgr.