



Minutes
Committee No. 1
Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater
June 27, 2012

Committee #1 – Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater met on **Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 8:15 AM** in the **City Hall, Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.**

Committee/Council Members present: Jane Lardahl, Brian Flynn, George Adrian, Mayor Hoffman, Bill Hicks.

Others Present: Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, Public Works Director/City Engineer/Utility Manager Rick Rubenzer, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Fire Inspector John Bowe, Rick Flynn.

The meeting was called to order at: 8:18 AM.

Item #1: Discuss funding for replacement of Street Superintendent. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Public Works Director Rick Rubenzer presented his plan for replacing retiring Street Superintendent Mike Ruf which he discussed with Committee #2 prior to this meeting. Committee #2 approved his proposal to create a new position entitled Street and Utility Maintenance Manager at a Grade Level 15. Mr. Rubenzer indicated funding for this position would come from the current budget and there would be savings due to the new employee making less than the current employee.

Motion by Flynn/Adrian to recommend the Council approve funding from the current budget for the creation of a new position to replace the Street Superintendent position as proposed by Public Works Director Rubenzer (see attached) and recommended by Committee #2. **All present voted aye, motion carried.**

Item #2: Discuss funding options for Fire Department third repeater installation on the Chippewa County Central Communications Tower. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Fire Chief Tom Larson asked for funding for a third repeater to be installed on the Chippewa County Central Communications Tower. He received a cost estimate of \$5,954 from Rassbach Communications and \$13,350 from TWC Inc. He indicated he might be able to save approximately \$500 for programming if done "in-house." Installing the third repeater would help alleviate communications issues for the Fire Department.

In addition to the third repeater, he discussed an estimate of \$24,024 from TWC Inc. which would be the next phase of this project that would be done in the future and would involve a 4 channel voter system, modules and multicouplers. Funding for this phase will be discussed during capital planning discussions.

Motion by Flynn/Adrian to recommend the Council accept the Rassbach Communications cost estimate of \$5954 to install a third repeater on the Chippewa County Central Communications Tower with funding to come from current Fire Department budgeted monies with the amount not to exceed \$5,954. **All present voted aye, motion carried.**

Item #3: Discuss funding options for Snorkel truck replacement. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Fire Chief Tom Larson discussed the need for replacement of the 32 year old snorkel truck. The truck was recently repaired at a cost of approximately \$6000. He indicated the Snorkel truck is difficult to repair as these types of trucks are no longer made and local repairs are not available. It is likely the truck will experience future major repairs and our ISO ratings could be affected if we do not replace it. Funding options include setting up a donation account, bonding or writing a grant application. The Committee decided that further discussion on how the snorkel truck fits into the City's capital planning should be done by the Ad Hoc Planning Committee (Committee #2).

Motion by Flynn/Adrian to recommend the Council accept the recommendation of Committee #1 that there is a need to replace the snorkel truck and that further discussions for funding and replacement be incorporated into capital planning discussions held by the Ad Hoc Planning Committee (Committee #2). **All present voted aye, motion carried.**

Item #4: Adjournment.

Motion by Adrian/Flynn to adjourn at 8:53 AM. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**Minutes submitted by:
Lynne Bauer, Finance Mgr.**