



MINUTES

COMMITTEE #1
REVENUES, DISBURSEMENTS, WATER AND WASTEWATER
and
COMMITTEE #2
LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, POLICY & ADMINISTRATION
November 5, 2013

Committee #1 - Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater and Committee #2 - Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy & Administration met on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 12:30 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Council/Committee Members present: Jane Lardahl, George Adrian, Amy Mason, Bill Hicks, Chuck Hull, and Mayor Hoffman.

Others present: Finance Mgr/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, City Clerk Bridget Givens, Parks & Recreation Director Dick Hebert, Utility Office Manager Connie Freagon, Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Street Superintendent Rick Ruf, Library Director Virginia Wood Roberts, Firefighters Chuck Goettl and Gary Bell, and Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Teri Ouimette.

Call to Order: 12:30 pm

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

- 1. Open Session**
- 2. Discuss city services request from Chippewa Falls Main Street. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Teri Ouimette provided the Committees with the attached City Services Request form requesting the watering truck continue to be used to maintain flower beds and containers in the City. Street Superintendent Ruf indicated the City does not need the watering truck; it is only used by Chippewa Falls Main Street. He further advised the cost to provide fuel, water, maintenance and insurance on the vehicle is roughly \$700 annually. The Committees questioned if Chippewa Falls Main Street could absorb the annual costs if the City continued to store the truck.

Motion by Mason/Adrian to table this item to allow the Chippewa Falls Main Street Board to meet and discuss funding for the water truck. All present voting aye, motion carried.

- 3. Motion by Hicks/Hull to go into Closed Session under WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for "conducting public business with competitive or bargaining implications" to: a) Discuss labor negotiation**

issues and strategy; and to include all Council Members, Mayor, Clerk, and Finance Manager; may return to open session.

Roll call vote: Aye – Hicks, Hull, Mason, Lardahl, Adrian. Motion carried.

The Committees discussed labor negotiation issues and strategy.

Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to return to open session. All present voting aye, motion carried.

4. Review preliminary 2014 Budget data including but not limited to revenues and department operational expenses. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Finance Manager Bauer discussed the 2014 Proposed Operational Expenses and provided details including increases and decreases between the 2013 adopted operational budgets and the 2014 proposed budgets. The following questions/comments were raised as follows:

Mayor Hoffman questioned if we needed additional funding to replace ash trees. Parks & Recreation Director Hebert advised that the Dupont fertilizer claim funds are being set up as a donation fund for this type of item.

Councilor Mason inquired what other municipalities typically offer in donations to organizations and opined that members of other communities may benefit from City donations. She would like to discuss this further in the future.

Bauer advised that even though a majority of the recycling expenses are collected on the utility bills, they need to be shown as an expense to be eligible for grant funding.

Councilor Hicks stated he would like remaining funds from the nuisance cleanup account to be carried over in 2014 to address any nuisance locations in the City.

Hicks also wanted to ensure enough funding was allowed in the budget to adequately maintain the streets.

Discussion ensued regarding pay increases for the City Attorney and City Medical Director with Bauer indicating the City Attorney has been at the same rate of pay since roughly 2005. Bauer also advised that the Committee may want to consider an increase in Council pay as it has been adjusted several times over the last few years.

Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to recommend Council approve an increase of \$1,000 for both the City Attorney and City Medical Director. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Bauer requested the budget hearing be held the first week of December to allow for another Joint Committee #1 and #2 meeting on November 12th. Following discussion, it was agreed the public hearing should be held at 5:15pm on December 3, 2013.

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Mason/Adrian to adjourn at 2:00 pm. All present voting aye, motion carried.

**Minutes submitted by:
Bridget Givens, City Clerk**

CITY SERVICES REQUEST FORM

ENTITY NAME: Chippewa Falls Main Street	REPRESENTATIVE NAME: Teri Ouimette
ENTITY ADDRESS: 514 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729	ENTITY PHONE NUMBER: 715-723-6661
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT REQUESTED: Watering Truck for use to water flower beds and containers on Court Street Hill, Rushman Drive, River Street, Bridge Street. June thru September	
JUSTIFICATION AS TO WHY THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED: Downtown and community involvement , beautification in the city. Tie into Entryway project.	
ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT AS REVIEWED BY APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD: The cost of this project is approx. \$700.00 per year. That is based on last years cost. That includes fuel, water, maintenance and insurance. This truck is no longer needed for Street dept use. I have asked committee #1 for permission sell to this truck. Estimated cost is \$3000.00 to \$3500.00	
DATE OF DEPT. HEAD APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL: (CIRCLE ONE) 11/05/2013 Disapprove	DEPT. HEAD SIGNATURE: Rick Ruf
DATE OF COMMITTEE APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL: (CIRCLE ONE)	DATE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL: (CIRCLE ONE)