

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 5:00 pm., Board Room

Members Present: Nagle (C), Oberbeck, Brezinski, Winters, Nutting

Others Present: Wagner, Kellbach, Tipple, Loy, Stratz, Hagenbucher, Groat, Jacobson, Mielke, Gisselman, Goede.

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nagle.

Public Comment on matters appearing on the agenda.

None.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s). (12/10/13, 1/14/14, 1/28/14, & 1/30/14)

Motion by Nutting, second by Winters to approve the minutes of the previous meetings on 12/10/13, 1/14/14, 1/28/14, and 1/30/14. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider offer to purchase of 2408 Gowen Street.

Tammy Stratz noted the property is very close to Athletic Park. She stated the property was visited by the Inspections Department because last winter there was some broken pipes which caused a lot of interior problems, including a shift of the foundation wall. A raze order was placed on the building because cost of repairs is well over 50% of the property value, which is currently \$30,900. The owner does not have the funds to fix the property and she indicated she received a call from him asking if the city is interested. The value of the lot is \$18,100 and the cost to the city to demo the property is approximately \$7,000-\$8,000. She suggested offering \$10,000 and the owner would be responsible to pay the back taxes owed on it. She indicated Community Development has funds available for building a new Tech home on the lot in two years. Winters questioned how far behind the taxes were and Stratz stated he was three years in arrears or approximately \$7,000. Nagle pointed out the owner has a legal obligation to raze the building if we do nothing.

Motion by Brezinski, second by Winters to offer forgiveness of the back taxes for the property, to be demolished by the city. Motion carried 5-0.

Authorize the Issuance of the Central Business District Parking Study Request for Proposal

Groat explained this item has already been before Parking & Traffic and the Economic Development Committees. The vision is to put together a committee that would oversee the process. She stated they have Dawn Follendorf, the Main Street Director; a citizen who lives and works in the downtown; the mall manager; and a downtown business that would all like to participate in the process of selecting the consultant once the RFP's are in. She noted the RFP specifies that the east and the west side of the Central Business District be treated separately. It has already been budgeted for and if the Finance Committee approves it, then it will go back to Parking & Traffic committee one more time. She estimated the cost at approximately \$60,000.

Winters explained this issue came up in Parking & Traffic Committee because of repeated requests to go from one hour parking, to take away the meters, etc., resulting in a hodge-podge system. If you want to go downtown on a bus it is \$36; if you want to park in the ramp it is \$32-\$34; and if you want to park in the most convenient places it is free, you just have to move your car a couple times or receive a \$5 ticket. He felt the incentives to have our parking ramps and buses full and paid for are perverse and all the factors need to be weighed.

Motion by Brezinski, second by Winters to authorize staff to release an RFP requesting Central Business District Parking Study bids. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and action regarding the issuance of an RFP for the impoundment of non-dog strays per ordinance 8.08.160(f).

Groat stated we received an invoice from the Humane Society for \$480 for the services from January 1 – 14, 2014, for animals that were dropped off. She noted after researching it appears some of those animals were dropped off by the Sherriff's Department due to an eviction that occurred in the City of Wausau.

Oberbeck stated he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because our ordinance states that we need to be picking up non-dog strays that do not have rabies tags. This is not happening right now, putting us in violation of our own ordinance. He felt we need to find what our options are out there or if there are any other agencies and put out an RFP as soon as possible. Winters agreed and suggested that the RFP has some kind of estimate on the number of cats. Brezinski also felt the RFP should have a breakdown of costs and a timeframe so that we know what we are paying for. Wagner pointed out it is important that everyone is bidding for the same services because private housing for animals cannot euthanize, so it would have to be a service that they can go out and get.

Motion by Brezinski, second by Winters to approve issuing an RFP for the impoundment of non-dog strays. Motion carried 5-0.

Authorize acceptance of conveyance, by donation, of Kwik Trip, 1500 Grand Avenue, to the City of Wausau from Kwik Trip.

Nagle noted the conveyance is contingent upon environmental clearance.

Motion by Brezinski, second by Nutting to accept conveyance by donation, of 1500 Grand Avenue. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider Purchase of 1201 N. 2nd Street Wausau WI

Groat noted this is property in the neighborhood of Short Street and if the committee wishes to discuss negotiating an offer they can convene in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for negotiating the purchase of properties. (1201 N. 2nd Street)

Motion by Brezinski, second by Winters to convene in closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brezinski, Winters, Oberbeck, Nutting, Nagle. Noes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned in closed session.at 6:05 p.m.