

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 @ 5:30 pm., Board Room

Members Present: Oberbeck (C), Kellbach, Mielke, Nutting, Nagle

Others Present: Duncanson, Groat, Giese, Jacobson, Hebert, Hite, Kujawa, Lindman, Bliven, Werth, Tipple, Rayala, Gisselman, Richard Holster, media.

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 Oberbeck.

Public Comment

Richard Holster spoke regarding his concerns with the 25% fee increase on the rental licensing. It is currently \$20 per year, per unit, with an inspection every three years. The proposal is for \$25, with an inspection every five years.

Minutes of previous meeting(s). (11/10/15)

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to approve the minutes of previous meetings (11/10/15). Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2016 Revenue Schedule

Bill Hebert felt the fee increase for rental licensing was justified because it was priced a little lower than was proposed and we need to factor in the administrative costs and new software. Nutting questioned if we were comparable to other communities. Hebert stated Stevens Point is charging \$45 per unit per year, Beloit is \$40, and most are in that range; however, they inspect every year as they have more inspectors. He explained he went from three to five years because it is going to take longer to notify and coordinate scheduling with the tenants now, instead of the homeowner. Groat noted we currently are relying on property taxes to balance the budget for the program. Nagle felt if you have problem properties you should use the housing code and take them to court for specific violations and get large forfeitures.

Motion by Nagle, second by Mielke to amend the schedule to put the residential rental licensing fee back to \$20. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to approved the 2016 Revenue Schedule as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding 2016 Inspection Services Contract with the City of Schofield

Hebert summarized the proposal for inspections services for the City of Schofield. Oberbeck did not feel they were charging enough to cover all the costs for providing the service, including the time spent and training.

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to approve the contract with Schofield as presented. Motion carried 4-1. (*Oberbeck was the dissenting vote.*)

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Ordinance Amending Section 8.08.170(b) Licenses

Groat stated at a previous meeting she had proposed providing a discount for all new puppies and kittens regardless of the date because currently the statutes provide a July 1 date. During that meeting the committee expanded the discount for anyone who licenses a new pet regardless of its age. She pointed out there was a concern over the loss of revenue because if the new animal received all the discounts then only \$5 would be charged which would have to be turned over to the county. The city would not be able to keep anything for animal enforcement costs. Rayala added after we package and mail out the license and tags, we will have actually lost money. Oberbeck felt we should still try it at least for a year, because it would get more animals licensed providing more safety for citizens.

Rayala noted a citizen also requested a medical exception for paying the higher license fee for her dog which the vet indicated was a high risk for surgery to be altered due to its advanced age. Oberbeck stated if the veterinarian provided documentation he felt an exception should be allowed.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to approve the ordinance amendment as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the October 2015 General Fund Financial Report

Groat provided a narrative of revenues and expenditures for September 2015. The report can be accessed on the city's website: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Finance/MonthlyReports.aspx>

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Police Department's Purchase of Body Cameras, future budget requirements and sole source purchase process

Ben Bliven explained the type of equipment the department was considering and their features and benefits. He noted the Council has previously approved the 2016 CIP request of \$100,000 for body cameras. The quote received for a three year contract for body cameras was approximately \$110,000 or about \$36,000 per year; a five year contract for Taser was \$300,000. Groat noted the multi-year contract will require Council approval.

Motion by Nagle, second by Mielke to approve the contract for body cameras. Motion carried 5-0.

Report on the DOR determination of charge back of Excessive Taxes

Groat stated we had turned in two excessive tax cases for Sears and Associated Bank. DOR determination will allow us to charge back on Sears, but were denied for Associated Bank, which was approximately \$18,000.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Budget Modifications Public Works Paving

Lindman explained this was a transfer of funds from Roadways & Streets to Buildings & Grounds to do some blacktopping in the area by the salt dome.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to approve the budget modification for DPW. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding satisfactory completion of 1800 Stewart Avenue LLC development agreement

Werth explained 13 years ago we entered into an agreement with Chuck Ghidorzi for a project known as Town Center. She indicated it took him two years to get the appropriate license and permit from the State of Wisconsin. Our agreement was for 14,000 square feet, but the state approved it for 13,880 square feet. She noted this piece of property cleared out an old dry cleaner and it is still contaminated. The job request was for 15 full-time jobs and in 2014 he had 26 full-time and 34 part-time. It took a blighted corner and turned it around. She requested they accept the agreement as completed.

Motion by Nutting, second by Nagle to accept the satisfactory completion of the 1800 Stewart Avenue LLC development agreement. Motion carried 4-1 (*Mielke was the dissenting vote.*)

Discussion and Possible Action regarding lease agreement of city-owned property adjacent to 206 Grand Avenue (Koz Holdings LLC d/b/a Pro Players Sports Bar and Grill)

Jacobson stated this is the lease of the parking lot at Pro Player's which expired on November 11, 2015. The lessee is interested in renewing it and questioned if the city was going to make any improvements to the lot because he is going to be making some adjacent improvements to it. Lindman indicated in his memo that the city has not budgeted for any improvements to that lot. The lease terms therefore remain the same as previous.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to approve the lease agreement of city-owned property adjacent to 206 Grand Avenue with Koz Holdings LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Potential Project Plan Amendment and Boundary Change for Tax increment District Three.

Held over to the December meeting.

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, regarding the payment of rent loss in lieu of relocation benefits and rent differential for 1040 South 4th Avenue (Thomas Street Project).

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to move into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nagle, Mielke, Nutting, Kellbach, Oberbeck. Noes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Nagle, second by Kellbach to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm.