

## FINANCE COMMITTEE – BUDGET SESSION #2

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 @ 5:30 pm., Council Chambers

Members Present: Rasmussen (C), Smith, Gehin, Kellbach

Members Excused: Nutting

Others Present: Groat, Barnes, Lang, Lindman, Jacobson, Kujawa, Mielke, Neal, Swanborg, Schock, Goede.

### Discussion and possible action regarding the 2017 budget and 2017 fee schedule

Rasmussen stated at the last meeting we had a PowerPoint introduction to the budget. The departmental core budgets were based on their cost to continue operations and tonight we will review their supplemental requests.

### **2017 Supplemental Budget Requests:** *(Link to details and narrative of requests)*

[http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Finance/Documents/ALL\\_SUPPLEMENTAL\\_REQUESTS.pdf](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Finance/Documents/ALL_SUPPLEMENTAL_REQUESTS.pdf)

#### Fire Department

- Chief Kujawa stated immunization is a risk mitigation effort because we don't have everyone immunized; this would get the current staff up to par.
- Kujawa requested funding for the open Fire Inspector position. She stated we get 2% dues from the state of approximately \$110,000 which has several requirements, including inspections of all the inspect-able buildings in the city. She reviewed the duties and many projects/programs the department is undertaking. She noted this person would also be a trained firefighter/medic.

#### Community Development

- Chris Schock stated the committee in consultation with staff asked for this small amount to do proactive marketing for the city.
- Schock stated for many years our office was independently funded through state and federal dollars, but funds from those federal pots continue to fall. The Director's position is not sustainably funded right now. He proposed to stop-gap that with some amount from the levy.
- Schock stated the strategic plan being adopted later this year and he was proposing to replace the new planner with a junior person rather than senior, which would be a savings to the city. We are not adding a position, but are requesting additional funds from the levy to address declines in other funds. Groat suggested stepping into these over a period of years, such as three or four years, for these two positions.

#### Public Access

- Rasmussen stated they are requesting additional FTE's to cover city committee meetings. She noted it is the Council's goal to get all of our standing committee meetings on Public Access or viewing on demand.

#### Parks Department

- Rasmussen stated the Emerald Ash Borer treatment is a big one, \$0.08 on the levy. She questioned if we want to fund it in full in 2017 because the Ash Borer is not here yet. Gehin indicated they would like approximately \$50,000 for removal and preparation for it, which would be \$0.02 on the levy.
- Staffing for the Schulenburg Pool which will be opening in June.
- Cost share on a Park Maintenance Supervisor.
- Deferred maintenance items submitted as a batch adding up to \$91,000, however, none are marked condition critical.
- Flower box additions as developments take place, including new truck.

#### Police Department

- Cpt. Barnes stated they are under water from a clerical standpoint and have been for quite some time. He noted we are the lowest with clerical support when looking at 26 comparable agencies in the state. In 2013 we had \$17,000 in overtime to staff just to meet deadlines for reporting; 2014 was \$34,000, and 2015 was \$23,000. He stated they will have little to no overtime if the positions are authorized. He felt if they could get two half-time positions instead of a full-time, it saves \$20,000.

- Youth Safety Coordinator, quarter-time position, manages safety patrol; car seat installation and inspections; distracted driving simulators.

#### Department of Public Works

- Street seal coating - \$300,000 earmarked for approximately one mile of roadway. Lindman stated if we go less than \$200,000 our prices go up for the contract.
- Epoxy paint for street signs and lines. Lindman stated the epoxy paint last up to seven years and our typical latex lasts one to three years. It is also more visible and is reflective.

Rasmussen stated if we were to approve the entire list of supplemental requests there would be an additional \$0.24 increase on the mill rate. She asked the committee to review and rank the requests for the next meeting and reviewed the ranking process.

Groat noted there is the \$76,000 from CBL that is not in the budget and she anticipated some savings from the City County Data Center. She indicated she would have this tabulated for the next meeting.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion by Gehin, second by Kellbach to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.