



MINUTES
COMMITTEE #1
REVENUES, DISBURSEMENTS, WATER AND WASTEWATER
November 2, 2023

Committee #1 - Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater met on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: John Monarski and Paul Nadreau. Absent was Rob Kiefer.

Mayor/Other Council Members present:

Others present: Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer; Fire Chief Jason Thom; Director of Public Works/Utility Manager Brandon Cesafsky; City Planner/Transit Manager Brad Hentschel; Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director John Jimenez; Police Lt. Korry Boos; Police Lt. Ryan Douglas; City Engineer Bill McElroy; Water Supervisor Matt Boos; Street, Fleet and Utility Maintenance Manager Rick Ruf; Utility Office Manager Connie Freagon; and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

Call to Order: 9:00 am

1. Review 2024 department budget requests:

- a. **Fire Department** – Chief Thom presented his budget. Omitted Budget items that have been requested through ARPA include parking lot maintenance at Station 1 and a lawn mower. An operational increase in the phone account was requested as Thom would like to outfit each ambulance with a cell phone.
- b. **Public Works/Engineering/Streets/Utilities** – Director of Public Works/Utility Manager Cesafsky provided a budget recap for each of the departments. Discussion was had relative to next year's projects and bridge inspections. It was also noted that the Water Utility is currently undergoing a rate study, and the Wastewater Utility will conduct a study in 2024.
- c. **City Planner/Transit** – City Planner/Transit Manager Hentschel provided an overview of the budget indicating an increase in transit to cover the contractual increase for Running, Inc. Discussion ensued relative to transit vehicle purchases, the increased cost of vehicles, and delivery times.
- d. **Parks & Recreation** – Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director Jimenez presented his budget. He has requested the Park Board approve the use of park donations to help offset some operational deficits. A number of Omitted Budget items have been submitted through ARPA requests.

The budgets below will be presented at a future meeting.

- e. **Mayor/Council/Misc. Budgets**
- f. **Finance Department**

2. Review proposed 2024 budget data and issues affecting the budget. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Finance Manager/Treasurer Bauer stated that the health insurance renewal has been received from Security Health Plan with a nominal increase. There will be a change to the 3000/6000 plan. As the IRS no longer considers this a high deductible plan, the deductibles will be changing to 3200/6400 in order to be HSA eligible. Dental and vision will remain the same as last year with Mutual of Omaha. Due to low participation, the voluntary benefits previously offered through AFLAC will be replaced with a new plan through Mutual of Omaha offering similar, if not better, benefits.

Motion by Monarski/Nadreau to recommend Council approve renewal of the group health insurance coverage with Security Health Plan, the dental and vision benefit plan with Mutual of Omaha, and proceeding with voluntary benefit coverage through Mutual of Omaha in place of AFLAC. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

3. Motion by Nadreau/Monarski to go into Closed Session under Sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats. for “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility” to:

- a. **Discuss benefits/compensation for City Engineer; and to include the Committee/Council Members, Mayor, Attorney Ferg, Bauer, Givens, and Cesafsky; may return to Open Session for possible action on Closed Session item.**

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Nadreau, Monarski. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed Item (a) above.

Motion by Nadreau/Monarski to return to Open Session. All present voting aye, motion carried.

It was reported that a motion was made and unanimously approved in Closed Session to approve a one-time payout of compensation time for the City Engineer.

4. Adjournment.

Motion by Nadreau/Monarski to adjourn at 9:41 am. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by,
John Monarski, Vice-Chair