



MINUTES
COMMITTEE #1
REVENUES, DISBURSEMENTS, WATER AND WASTEWATER
June 1, 2017

Committee #1 - Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater met on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: Rob Kiefer, John Monarski, and Paul Nadreau

Mayor/Other Council Members present: Mayor Hoffman

Others present: Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, City Engineer/Public Works Director/Utility Manager Rick Rubenzer, Fire Chief Mike Hepfler, Firefighter Greg Bowe, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

Call to Order: 9:00 AM

1. Discuss funding for library building/roof repairs. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Finance Manager/Treasurer Bauer advised that we have not received any new information from the insurance company, but are anticipating they will pay \$25,000 toward the roof repairs. Bauer requested this item be postponed until the next meeting to allow for additional information from the insurance company.

No action taken.

2. Discuss revisions to EMS rates. Possible recommendations to the Council.

The attached 2017 EMS Rate Survey was distributed and discussed. The City's last rate increase was in 2014. It was noted that averages were calculated based upon the EMS rates of Eau Claire, Menomonie, and the Chippewa Fire District. The City responds with critical care service, which requires additional training, and we were still at the low end of the rate scale.

Discussion was had relative to the anticipated increase in revenue being used to help fund an additional Battalion Chief position. It was also noted that Lifequest can have the rate changes implemented by July 1, 2017.

Motion by Kiefer/Monarski to recommend Council approve the proposed 2017 EMS Rates. All present voting aye, motion carried.

3. Discuss funding options for increasing Fire Chief to full-time. Possible recommendations to the Council.

The purpose of this agenda item is to bring the Fire Chief back to a full-time, Monday – Friday schedule and create another Battalion Chief position. Currently the Fire Chief is also acting in a Battalion Chief capacity. The change took place in roughly 2007 wherein the Fire Chief at that time absorbed the responsibilities of a retiring Battalion Chief.

Discussion for possible funding sources, in addition to the reasons why this change is needed moving forward were discussed. Bauer advised that she spoke with the Chair of Committee #2 who wanted to ensure Committee #1 approved funding prior to splitting the two positions.

Motion by Nadreau/Kiefer to recommend Council approve the recommendation to increase the Fire Chief to full-time pending final approval from Committee #2. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

4. Discuss interim financing for Phase II Chippewa Riverfront. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Bauer explained that the City has taken in \$900,000 in cash with pledges at \$1.9M. With the cost of Phase II being \$2.4M, it will be necessary for the City to obtain a loan to bridge the gap. It is anticipated that continuing pledges will be received to help offset the loan amount. Bauer requested authorization to work with Ehler's to determine the best way to proceed.

Motion by Monarski/Kiefer to recommend Council approve interim financing for Phase II of Chippewa Riverfront in an amount not to exceed \$1.5M. **All present voting aye, except Nadreau who voted no, motion carried.**

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Monarski/Nadreau to adjourn at 9:26 am. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by,
Lynne Bauer, Finance Manager/Treasurer

2017 Rate Survey

Charge Description	Average of 3 (Fire District, Eau Claire, Menomonie)	Chippewa Falls Fire and EMS Level of Service: EMT-CCP	Average of 4	Proposed Rates Effective August 1, 2017
BLS Resident	891.67	825.00	875.00	925.00
BLS Non Resident	1075.00	950.00	1043.75	1100.00
ALS1 Resident	1041.67	925.00	1012.50	1025.00
ALS1 Non Resident	1191.67	1050.00	1156.25	1200.00
ALS2 Resident	1150.00	1125.00	1143.75	1150.00
ALS2 Non Resident	1358.33	1250.00	1331.25	1350.00
SCT Resident	1250.00	1000.00	1187.50	1200.00
SCT Non Resident	1408.33	1250.00	1368.75	1400.00
Mileage Resident	17.42	16.00	17.06	17.00
Mileage Non Resident	17.75	17.00	17.56	17.75
Oxygen	70.50	71.00	70.67	72.00
Spinal Immobilization	160.00	150.00	156.67	160.00
BLS On Scene Care Resident	200.00	175.00	193.75	200.00
BLS On Scene Care Non Resident	250.00	175.00	231.25	250.00
ALS On Scene Care Resident	858.33	900.00	868.75	925.00
ALS On Scene Care Non Resident	991.67	1000.00	993.75	1025.00
TRIP CHARGE/ NO SERVICE?				

COMMITTEE #1 - JUNE 1, 2017	
FIRE CHIEF FUNDING DISCUSSION	
Battalion Chief Estimated Cost	\$ 125,300
(includes wages/benefits)	
Potential Funding Sources:	
Estimated Additional Ambulance Revenue	\$ 113,000
"Garcia Pay" - Chief	\$ 3,100
Per Capita Increase	\$ 7,000
	\$ 123,100