

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Sertich at 5:50 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Sertich, Ald. Mastalish, Ald. Gering (7:22 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Ald. Voss, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Redeker, Chris MacNeill, Christine Churchill, Mike Kurutz, Roger Williams, Dave Pieper, Lisa Schmidt, Carla Hagen, Marjean Sertich, Sally Kalhamer, Wendy Metke, Mary Smith

### Item #2 – Convene into Committee of the Whole to Discuss Items on the Finance Agenda.

Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Sertich to Convene into Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

### Item #3 – Budget Remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Moede noted that the budget is going in the right direction. The Mayor passed the gavel back to Ald. Sertich with no objections from the Council.

### Item #4 – Discuss/Recommend 2011 Schedule of Fees.

The City Clerk introduced the Schedule of Fees. She noted that page 3 showed the updates that included the updated fees for the weed cutting and snow removal. It was noted that actual costs could only be charged as in the ordinance. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Pasbrig to Recommend the 2011 Schedule of Fees. Motion carried 5-0.

### Item #5 – Continue the Discussion/Review/Recommendation of the First Draft of the 2011 City Budget.

Discussion ensued to the items of the 2011 City Budget that were questioned from the previous meeting.

## EMS

Christine Churchill was invited to the podium to discuss the ambulance repairs in the budget. She noted that she is trying to be prepared for possible repairs and this could be an overage. Ald. Pasbrig noted that this item should be reserved to adjust if needed. Christine noted that we need to be prepared for possible repairs. Christine then noted the income estimate of \$240,000. She noted that there is an aging list of approximately \$71,000; \$2,035 of that is over 80 days. Ald. Sertich commented that there is a delay in the billing. Kathie Wild pointed out that she does post revenues at the end of the year to true up the revenue. Christine left an aging list for the Council to view.

It was noted that the dollars from the other communities ambulance agreements will go into a separate account for capital items and major repairs. Ald. Voss questioned when the City of Mayville would know about the ambulance agreements and that the City should get down to two ambulances. Ald. Sertich noted that the communities must provide ambulance and fire protection and there is the possibility of a transport unit.

## Fire Department

Roger Williams discussed the Fire Department meals item. He noted that the money is used for food. He noted that this is for meals for meetings, practices, and fire calls. He also discussed that monies are needed for water for the department when out on calls or practices. Kathie Wild noted that the water can come out of a different account. Ald. Sertich noted that there is concern of the item being used for the monthly meetings. The Mayor questioned Roger what the Fire Department did before bottled water. Roger noted that they have jugs and cups that were used before bottled water. He noted that now they can use the bottled water and it is easier to keep cold in a cooler. Ald. Pasbrig commented that most do not get a meal for showing up at a meeting and to use the monies appropriately. Ald. Mastalish agreed with Ald. Pasbrig. Ald. Redeker also agreed, noting to use meals for incidents, training, or practices. Roger Williams commented that he will bring the information back to the Fire Department.

### Police Department

Chris MacNeill discussed the Police Department education item. He noted that he would like to continue his education in the criminal justice field at Marian University. This is in the budget for \$3,600. Kathie Wild read the education section of the non-union handbook. Chris noted that he did cut the program in half and that it is partial classes. Ald. Pasbrig commented that he is a believer in education and questioned what the benefit is for the City. Chris noted that the classes are directed to municipal government, leadership, budgeting, and managing people. Mayor Moede noted that we need to do this. Ald. Sertich commented that this is a win win. Ald. Redeker noted that the reimbursement in the handbook needs to be looked at. Ald. Voss questioned if this would be on Chris's own time. Chris noted that it would be on his own time.

### Crossing Guards

The Crossing Guards was the next item discussed. Chris MacNeill stated that he had talked to the school. They are already done with the 2011 budget, and would look at with the next budget season.

### Outdoor Swimming Pool

Mike Kurutz was invited to discuss the outdoor swimming pool. It was noted that \$41,028 is in the budget for the outdoor swimming pool, and it would cost an additional \$12,038 for the repairs. Ald. Sertich commented that comparison information had been supplied to the public with the last budget meeting. She noted that an additional concern is the safety aspect of it. Mike Kurutz discussed the off site facility plan that was distributed to the Council. He noted that there would be 300 lbs of gas chlorine stored there. This is part of running the outdoor pool. Mike noted that they had tried other revenues in the past but the PH went through the ceiling. Ald. Mastalish commented that he did not see how it would be feasible to reopen. The Horicon pool was open 83 days this past year. It was noted that West Bend made \$3,000 because of large donations. Ald. Pasbrig commented that he appreciates the efforts channeled to the facility but it is not what it used to be. This is a big ticket item. Mayor Moede noted that he agreed with Ald. Pasbrig, and that he had talked to lifeguards at the TAG Center. The safety of the outdoor pool was questioned. Ald. Redeker commented that he had heard a lot from those that do not want to open the outdoor pool because of the costs. Ald. Voss stated that he is for the outdoor pool, and he helped pay to refill it. He noted that the community is overburdened by the TAG Center. Ald. Voss also noted that he would prefer to be outside. Ald. Sertich directed her comments to supporters of the outdoor pool, continuing that this is not an easy decision and she cannot see how a City of this size can have two pools. Mike Kurutz mentioned that nothing made him happier than to see 50, 100, 200 people there enjoying the sun and the outdoor pool; then there is nothing worse than seeing it flooded three times in ten years. The flooding was very depressing. This year it may have been closed at least a week because of the flooding. It was discussed that the FEMA money could be used for an alternative use but would lose 10%. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Pasbrig Recommend Take the Outdoor Swimming Pool out of the 2011 Budget. Motion carried 4-1, Ald. Voss voted no. Ald. Sertich noted that we need to look at alternatives.

### Recoup costs for the TAG Center collecting fees for the Park & Recreation

Recouping costs for the TAG Center collecting fees for the Park & Recreation was discussed. Ald. Pasbrig questioned how much time is going to this. Mike noted that some of the wages could be allocated to the Park & Recreation from the TAG Center for collecting these fees. Kathie Wild commented that this would just be a moving of dollars from one area to another. Mike suggested that it is not a large percentage. Ald. Mastalish questioned if it would help the TAG Center.

### Longevity

Ald. Sertich introduced the Longevity item. She commented that the longevity should be grandfathered and eliminated through attrition. Ald. Sertich continued that the motions to eliminate the longevity were never followed by a resolution. Ald. Voss voiced that he did not agree, and that it was passed with the last Council. Ald. Redeker stated that he would like it in the overall package for non-union employees.

Mayor Moede stated that it should be kept in and grandfathered. Ald. Pasbrig voiced that he agreed with both Ald. Sertich and Ald. Voss. He noted that there is a very strong benefit plan in place and he believes that longevity should not be something that we have. In fairness to non-union supervisor staff it needs to be grandfathered. Ald. Sertich continued that there was nothing rolled out in place of it, and that the Council is the voice for non-union employees. The item will be brought back for further discussion.

#### TAG Center Fees

The TAG Center was then discussed. Mike Kurutz & Lisa Schmitt noted that the Park Board was in favor of the fee increases. Lisa Schmitt brought forward issues of the corporate structure. She was concerned that the corporate rate members would take the largest increase if the corporate rate was eliminated. It was noted there are five corporate memberships. There used to be ten. There was concern that there were people on the corporate plan and may not qualify for the corporate memberships. Ald. Redeker commented that the majority of the park board voted to increase the fees 10% across the board and drop the corporate memberships. There was some support for 5% increase this year and then another 5% next year.

Ald. Sertich commented that once this is rolled out everyone needs to be aware that it is available. Mike Kurutz commented that it is in the weekly paper and the brochures. Mayor Moede commented that the TAG Center is an amenity when people move here. Lisa Schmitt noted that they do have a scholarship fund and that some have purchased cards for others. Ald. Sertich commented that she has seen similar facilities offer programs for those that cannot afford the fees.

Ald. Pasbrig reminded the Council that this is a facility for all people of all ages and that eventually the equipment will need to be replaced and replenished. Ald. Gering commented that he agreed that the rates are not out of hand. It was noted that the youth, high school, and college rates did go up more to be in line with other facilities. Mike Kurutz noted that they are one of the few that offer different membership structures. Lisa explained that they do not have a sign on fee and most other facilities have a sign on fee. Ald. Sertich stressed the importance of the marketing aspect. Mayor Moede questioned how many pay monthly. Lisa noted that there are more than 300 that pay monthly. Kathie Wild reminded the Council that on a \$150,000 home it is \$60 on the tax bill. It was noted that 33% of the membership is non-resident. Ald. Voss commented that the TAG Center is very expensive for the City and more than the City can afford. Ald. Gering commented that he would like to keep the Corporate Rates and manage it better. Lisa Schmitt commented that if they automatically renew, it is unknown if the member still qualifies for the corporate rate. Ald. Gering suggested checking with the employer. It was noted that some employers may not give out that kind of information. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Gering to Recommend Increasing the TAG Center Fees 10% Across the Board. Motion carried 5-0, Ald. Voss abstained. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Mastalish to Recommend to Eliminate Corporate Discount at the TAG Center. Motion failed, Ald. Redeker, Ald. Mastalish, Ald. Sertich voted yes, Ald. Voss, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Gering voted no. Mayor Moede broke the tie with a no vote. Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Redeker to Recess for 10 minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Redeker to Go Back Into Session. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Sertich to Increase Sign on Corporate Rate to \$500. Motion carried 5-1, Ald. Pasbrig voted no. It was noted that there are six corporate members, Gleason, MEC, Metal Craft, TAB, Christian Life, and the City of Mayville. Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Pasbrig, for TAG Center Swim Lessons to Remain the Same for Member Rates. Motion carried 6-0. Room Rates were discussed. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Voss to Increase the TAG Center Room Rates as Proposed. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Redeker to Amend the Motion Recommending to Increase TAG Center Fees 10% Across the Board at the TAG Center, by reflecting the Proposed Rates for Youth, High School, and College to Bring More into line with what other Facilities are Charging. Motion as amended carried 6-0.

Cemetery

Carla Hagen introduced the cemetery item. She proposed that the City could pay in January and in June. Ald. Mastalish questioned what the relationship is between the City and the cemetery. It was noted that the cemetery is owned by the City. The Mayor noted that the amount is a big hike from previous years. It was noted that grave sites are \$200 and \$100 for the burial. Carla noted that sometimes there is a donation. The Mayor noted that they have been trying to save money by sharing dirt. It was noted that the DPW does clear the snow. She questioned why the DPW department could not help out. Carla noted that they have had Huber people help out. The item will come back for further discussion.

Main Street Mayville

The Main Street Mayville requested amount was discussed. They are asking for the same amount as previous years.

Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Redeker to change the Chamber of Commerce amount to \$6,000. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel Handbook

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Mastalish to remove the Personnel Handbook item from the Budget. Motion carried 6-0.

Senior Center Flooring

The Senior Center Flooring proposal was noted. It was noted that the Senior Center is meeting this evening and the item would come back for further discussion. They were proposing to have the City pay 1/3, the Sr. Center Club to pay 1/3, and the fund 72 pay 1/3.

Wheel Tax

Ald. Voss commented that if put back on the tax roll, it would be \$20 instead of \$10. Ald. Redeker commented that the wheel tax was a main item during his campaign and left a bad taste in the mouth of those he talked to. He noted that it is unnecessary and no one else has this except for Milwaukee. Discussion of the wheel tax ensued. Ald. Redeker noted that it will not go away until the Council wants it to go away. Ald. Gering commented that he used to agree until he saw the books. Ald. Sertich noted she agreed until she had a better understanding. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Mastalish to Remove the Wheel Tax. Motion failed 4-2, Ald. Gering, Ald. Sertich, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Voss voted no; Ald. Redeker and Ald. Mastalish voted yes.

Emergency Services Penalty

Kathie Wild introduced the item. She noted that there is a calculation that goes into the penalty, and she will not know the exact penalty from the Department of Revenue until next year.

Landfill Settlement

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Gering to Increase the Landfill Attorney Fees by \$10,000. Kathie Wild noted that this is not in the General Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #10 – Reconvene into Finance Committee.

Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Gering to reconvene into the Finance Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #11 – Receive, Consider, and Approve Committee of the Whole Report.

The City Clerk read the Committee of the Whole Report of motions from the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Sertich to approve the Committee of the Whole Report as noted below. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Pasbrig to Recommend the 2011 Schedule of Fees. Motion carried 5-0.

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Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Gering to Increase the Landfill Attorney Fees by \$10,000. Motion carried 6-0.

#### Item #12 – Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk