

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

Hall of Fame Room

PRESENT: Alderpersons Ross Scovotti and Steve Tone.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Treasurer Julie Roberts, Finance Director/Treasurer Laurie Sullivan, Mayor Jim Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch, Street Superintendant Karl Manthe, Library Director Jaime Vache, Mike Shoemaker, Alderperson Tim Carter, Erlene Killeen, City Attorney Matt Roethe, Alderperson Carl Chenowith (arrived 6:28pm) and Buck Sweeney.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Alderperson Dave McKichan.

Finance Chair Scovotti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held without a quorum.

Minutes: Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to approve the March 24, 2009 and April 6, 2009 minutes as presented. Carried unanimously without a quorum.

Claims: Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council approve the claims as presented. Carried unanimously without a quorum.

Communications: A question and answer period was held today with regarding attorney RFPs. Four firms were represented. The RFPs are due Monday, April 27 at noon.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council accept the March 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

Library Budget Request: Discussion took place regarding previous Library Budgets and previous shortfalls that the City has made up. The 2009 Dane County budget will fund library operating and facilities reimbursement programs at 100% of Municipal Libraries' actual costs for serving non-residents. It was estimated that the county would budget at 92%. The question was asked why the City should not be allowed to absorb the surplus. Library Director Vache stated she doubted that the County would continue to fund at 100%. Erlene Killeen (library board member) stated that this money would be used for items that were cut from the Library during the City budget process. Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council approve the Library budget amendment as presented. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

GMS – Final Pay Request: Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to close the meeting per State Statue 19.85 (1)(e). Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting. Moved by Scovotti, seconded by Tone to reopen the meeting for the regular course of business. Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council accept an offer of \$23,000 as a final settlement. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin and without a quorum.

Bike Rack Grant Request: Parks and Recreation Director Lynch discussed how in past years this grant has been used for trail updates. Moved by Scovotti, seconded by Tone to recommend Council support the application for a grant with Dane County for the purchase and installation of 24 bike posts for Main Street. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

Trail Grant Request: Manthe stated above labor there would be minimal costs incurred to the City. The matching 25% would be labor and equipment costs. Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council approve the application for a grant to pave the bike trail in Business Park North contingent upon approval by the Public Works committee on 4/21/2009. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

Buy American Resolution: Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council approve the non binding Buy American Resolution as presented. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

Update on Marathon Station: Discussion took place regarding the current status of the property. The current owners are keeping the taxes just up to date enough to keep the property from being taken. Hiring a consultant to see what the City's rights are was discussed. It will not be a marketable property the way it currently stands. Hiring a consultant is the only way to find out what can be done and to move forward.

Audit Report: Finance Director Sullivan discussed some highlights of the audit report. Discussion took place regarding the designated and undesignated fund balances. Other balances were looked at. Inter-governmental revenues have been declining. Debt service is outside of the 2% levy. That is why even with the levy limits taxes continue to increase. Total amount of outstanding debt decreased in 2008 from 2007. Internal control issues were discussed. They have decreased over previous years. Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to recommend Council accept the 2008 audit report as presented. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

Future Agenda Items: Delinquent Personal Property – County Funding for Library – EMS Enterprise Fund – Senior Center – Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair – Attorney RFPs – Discussion with Mead and Hunt and Vierbicher Regarding Performance .

Adjournment: Moved by Tone, seconded by Scovotti to Adjourn at 8:07p.m. Carried unanimously with Mayor Griffin voting and without a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Roberts
Deputy Treasurer