

Common Council Special Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2014

Approved

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Council President Garvin

Roll call: Klipstein, Garvin, Huber, and Pfof – Here. Krueger and Stanek excused absent.
In addition: Steward and Jefferson

Pledge of Allegiance

Steward read letter from citizen on need for stop sign at Western Avenue and Elroy Street.

Pfof/Huber motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss purchasing property in tax increment financing district 3. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Closed Session

Pfof/Garvin motion to reconvene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on 2015 Budget.

Steward presented the budget with \$54,739 in cuts since the last meeting. Suggestion to move redev/demo to \$0 and move that expense to TID. Assessor agreed to the re-evaluation and pay him in increments (\$4,000 in 2014, \$16,500 in 2015, and \$7,000 in 2016).

Discussion on the Ambulance Service and their budget request and impact on City Budget. Steward will not accept the full assessment of \$43,710, which is a 60% increase, and has put \$35,465 in the budget as a half-way point between the 2014 number and the proposed 2015 number. Garvin suggested we create the budget with \$43,710 in it, but Huber, Pfof and Klipstein agreed to leave the Ambulance budget with \$35,465

Discussion on insurance. Steward explained the process and how Act 10 works. The proposal was to have staff pay for a portion of the insurance but that would require a change to Policy 3.03 which says the City will pay 88% of the premiums. Garvin agreed to give up the insurance question if there are enough cuts to balance the budget. Pfof agreed. Huber agreed to take care of the staff.

Huber/Garvin motion to approve the 2015 budget and publish it and advertise for public hearing. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on contract for raze order. Two bids were received; two more bids on their way. Consideration for the contractor will be: to take out the foundation; asbestos will be City; who will cover the sidewalk damage; backfilling; cutting of trees and notification to neighbors. It was decided and agreed to not release the bids at this time, but to authorize at the November 11, 2015 meeting.

No new info on the State Trust Fund Loan application.

No new info on the WEDC Community Development Investment Grant

Discussion on house inspections and letters. Garvin reviewed letters that Jefferson drafted and sent. 306 2nd Main; 1416 and 1421 Academy all need citations. Steward will notify the police to send citations.

1) Next meeting dates – November 11, 2014 at 6:50 pm

Huber/Garvin motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator