

Meeting Minutes
Finance & Personnel Committee
Wednesday – August 5, 2009 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Members present: Romberg, Barrington, Morack, Tate, O'Connell

Also present: Henke, Hanlon, Hager, Radke, Herminath, Lee Rousseau, Earl Luaders, Christopher Gregory, Dean, Herter, Alan Brey, Brandon Poppy, Shane Stuard, Meghan Mckeefry, Jay McMurrin

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberg. O'Connell/Morack.
Carried 5-0.

2. Beverage Operator's License denial request for Brandon Poppy. Motion to approve license. Morack/Barrington. Carried 4-0-1 [Tate abstained]. License was inadvertently denied, as he was found not guilty of the offenses that led to his initial denial.

3. Hager/Hanlon/Luaders gave an update on the status of the former Simmons Property. Hager walked the committee through four options that the City should consider:

1. Spend 175,000 and demo the building after the August 31st deadline.
2. Let the bank foreclose and purchase property from them. Demo property, pay back taxes and acquire mortgage for about 420,000
3. Option two and trade with a willing partner.
4. Hold off on demo and see what happens next spring if there is a foreclosure filed.

The committee looked to Luaders for direction and he suggested the City wait until the August 31st deadline passed and see if Spirtas complies with the razing order. Committee agreed and will continue discussion at the September meeting. Hager indicated he will be talking with Spirtas tomorrow (August 6) and he will ask Mr. Spirtas what his plans are and report back.

4. Morack requested Hanlon update noise ordinance at next meeting.

5. Beverage Operator License approval procedures were discussed. Luaders indicated he is waiting on legal advise from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to form has opinion. Radke indicated that the clerk's office would like to see the continuation of provisional licensing. Luaders will do more research and report back at the next meeting.

6. Alan Brey, Auditor, Johnson, Block & Company presented the 2008 audit. Questions focused on undesignated fund balance, budget amendments, segregation of duties and collateralization of investments. O'Connell questioned the TIF debt and if the increments would be adequate to pay off the debt without further development in the TIF district. Radke will present the debt schedule and estimate of increment at the September meeting. Mr. Brey and City Treasurer Radke responded to the questions asked. The Committee thanked them for their presentation and accepted the audit.

7. A motion was made by Tate/Morack to recommend to council that Ordinance 1125 be revised to change the 2-year term that is currently in place for the Municipal Judge to a four-year. Carried 5-0.

8. Bart Roloff, fire chief discussed the changes the County will be doing to its communication system and how it will affect the Fire Department's need for new equipment. This request will be discussed and reviewed as part of the 2010 budgeting process.

9. A Resolution was presented by Mehan Mckeefry and Jay McMurrin on the spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants for 2009. The purpose of the resolution is to require that when Federal stimulus monies are spent that they are spent on American products and services whenever and wherever possible to keep the American taxpayers working. Tate/Morack to recommend to council adoption of the Resolution. Carried 5-0.

10. Finance reports were discussed.

11. Administrator's report was discussed.

12. There being no further business Barrington/Morack to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Judy M. Radke
8-5-09