FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
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Present:
Schumacher (joined at 6:20 pm), Reeves, Engelberger, Doom, Mayor Swadley, Hirsch

Absent Excused:
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Also Present:
Finance Director Friedl, Planning Director Scheel, Parks and Recreation Director Glynn

Call to Order:
Reeves called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Communications:

None.

Reports:

- November Treasurer's Report
- December 15, 2021 Contingency Report
- November 30, 2021 Financial Statements
- November 30, 2021 YTD CIP Report

Approval of the December 14, 2021 Finance Committee Minutes
Motion by Doom, second by Engelberger to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Contract 6-2021 for the Yahara River Pedestrian Bridge and River Walk Project and required CIP Budget amendments

Director Scheel provided a summary of the information included in the bid documents.

Motion by Hirsch to recommend approval of the requested amendments to the 2021 and 2022 CIP Budgets, project contingency of ten percent and acceptance of Contract 6-2021 with Janke General Contractors, Inc. for the base bid and bid alternative amounts totaling $1,319,262, second by Doom. Motion carried 5-0 with Schumacher abstaining.

Discussion and possible action regarding City Council pay changes

Based on the information presented, Hirsch believes Council wages should be increased to fall more in line with surrounding municipalities.

Reeves noted the other personnel needs for other City departments and feels Council pay increases should not be considered until other staffing needs are met. She also noted that Stoughton is the only municipality with a full-time mayor, which might impact how Stoughton is compared to its neighbors. She further noted that Stoughton has a much larger Council than most municipalities in the area and any increase would have a larger impact on the City's budget.

Schumacher agreed with the statements made by Reeves.

Hirsch reiterated the fact that the work done by the Council is important and demanding and higher pay could make running for office more attractive and be more inclusionary.

The Finance Committee would like to see a few different scenarios highlighting how potential step pay increases could impact future budgets. They would also like to see the number of Council/Board and Committee meetings surrounding municipalities require for their governing body members. Additional information summarizing how Councils/Boards and mayors function when there is a City Administrator was requested as well. This information will be brought back for consideration at a future Finance Committee meeting.

Adjournment:
Motion by Reeves, second by Engelberger to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamin Friedl, Finance Director