FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Council Chambers, 321 S. Fourth Street, Stoughton, WI

Present:
Brett Schumacher, Lisa Reeves, Ozzie Doom, Greg Jenson and Mayor Tim Swadley

Others Present:
Finance Director Friedl, Planning Director Scheel, Clerk Licht, and Utilities Directory Weiss

Absent and Excused:
None

Call to Order:
Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Communications:

Reports: the following report was entered into the record.

- Contingency Report

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the September 24, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes
Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration and possible action regarding whether to appeal a circuit court decision relating to Viking Lanes
Mayor Swadley explained that there was a situation at Viking Lanes where a minor was in the bar area unattended by a parent and was ticketed. The Chief believes that we should appeal this ruling. He added that it sets a local precedence. The attorney said the costs would be around $8,000-$10,000. Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to recommend that council appeals a circuit court decision relating to Viking Lanes. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Dvorak Investments II, LLC Pre-Annexation Agreement
Planning Director Scheel said that annexation agreement for this annexation is similar to agreements that the City has entered into before. Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to recommend that council approve the pre-annexation agreement with Dvorak Investments II, LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding bid acceptance related to the demolition and abatement of the former Stoughton Public Works Facility
Planning Director Scheel stated that the City received 5 bids. The City is recommending the lowest bid. Planning Director Scheel stated that the low bid was the only firm that took part in the walk-through. Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to recommend that the council award the bid to Robinison Brothers Environmental, Inc. for the demolition and abatement of the former Stoughton Public Works Facility. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding American Transmission Company (ATC) Easement Request
Planning Director Scheel stated that ATC is offering $3,000 to better define the easements. Motion by Reeves, second by Doom to recommend that council approve the easement request from American Transmission Company (ATC). Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Stoughton Area EMS rate changes effective January 1, 2020
EMS Director Schimelpfenig stated that the last time Stoughton EMS increase its rate was 5 years ago. The rate increase is consistent with other Dane County municipalities. The increase would generate an extra $35,000-$40,000 in revenue. Motion by Jenson, second by Doom to recommend that the council approve the Stoughton Area EMS rate changes effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2020 Stoughton Utilities Employee Compensation Analysis
Utilities Director Weiss stated that during a regulatory rate review, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) reviews employee wages and compensation very closely. If the PSC determines that an increase in wages is significant and exceeds increases seen at other utilities, a portion of wages may be excluded and not allowed to be recovered in utility rates. HR Director Gillingham said that it was important to retain and recruit employees. Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to recommend that council approve 2020 Stoughton Utilities Employee Compensation Analysis. Motion carried 5-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Continuing Debt Disclosure Policy creation	EMS Township Contracts
CIP Purchasing Policy	2020 Garbage and Recycling Fees

Adjournment:
Motion by Jenson, second by Reeves to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Licht, City Clerk