

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, Public Safety Building

**Present:**

Chairperson Pat O'Connor, Tom Majewski, Lisa Reeves, Tim Swadley and Mayor Donna Olson

**Others Present:**

Finance Director LaBorde, Clerk Licht, and Planning Director Scheel, Mike Moderski of McFarland State Bank, Justin Running and Karl Schulte of Running, Inc.

**Absent and Excused:**

None

**Call to Order**

Chairperson O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Communications**

- Finance Director LaBorde said that there was a Finance item on the agenda for Council tonight that she recommends that it be tabled. She said that City staff needed more time to update the debt management policy.
- Finance Director LaBorde shared that the auditors were here the last week of February. She added they will present the audit to the committee in May.

**Reports**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action regarding McFarland State Bank proposal to donate property, located at 207 Forrest Street, to the City**

O'Connor asked Moderski if McFarland State Bank would consider sharing the building with the City. Moderski said they would consider it. He added the bank would use the drive-up portion of the building and the City could use the remaining space. Mayor Olson added that the City would own the building and then lease back a portion of it to the bank.

Swadley said the additional space would benefit both the City and the bank. Mayor Olson said she wasn't sure the timing was right. She asked if City offices were moved to the McFarland State Bank location, what would be the use of City Hall. Mayor Olson stated that the building is too large for the Opera House to maintain.

Reeves asked Moderski if the McFarland State Bank Board was in support of donating the building. Moderski said they were in support and wanted to work with the City. He added that he would like a plan to take to the board. He asked the committee if it would be possible to give him direction before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Swadley, second by Majewski to recommend that the Common Council authorize \$3,000 from the contingency fund to pay for a building condition report and to direct Attorney Dregne to draft an agreement with McFarland State Bank. Motion carried 4-1 with O'Connor voting 'no'.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of the February 27, 2018 Finance Committee Minutes**

Motion by Majewski, second by Reeves to approve the February 27, 2018 Finance Committee minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding Agreement with Dane County for a Street Construction Project of CTH N (Veterans Road) from USH 51 to Academy Street**

Planning Director Scheel stated that Dane County was taking the lead on the construction. The total City cost of the project is \$230,000 which includes a 10% contingency. He added that the project would include curb and gutter and bike lanes.

Swadley asked if the City would have any say in who the county awarded the bid for the project to. Scheel replied that the county would be handling the bid process. He added that he has no concerns. Swadley asked if the City could address speed in the area during construction. Scheel stated that there aren't current plans to address speed.

O'Connor asked if the City would be using special assessments to help fund the project. Scheel stated that the City would be using special assessments and that there was a public information meeting on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Stoughton Fire Station.

Majewski asked if the City was planning on planting trees in the construction area. Scheel stated that there would be trees planted in the terraces.

Motion by O'Connor, second by Reeves to approve an agreement with Dane County for a Street Construction Project of CTH N (Veterans Road) from USH 51 to Academy Street in the amount of \$230,000. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding request from Running Inc. related to Shared-ride Taxi Service**

Justin Running and Karl Schulte presented several issues they would like the City to take action on.

1. Currently when a resident is transported from a hospital, the taxi does not charge for delivering the wheelchair back to the hospital. Running is requesting to adhere to the contract and no longer provide this.
2. Running would like the city to charge a fee for riders that make multiple stops. A Quick Stop (4 minutes or less) would be \$1.00. A rider would be allowed one single Quick Stop per ride. Riders would need to call back for another ride if they were going to be more than 4 minutes.
3. Running would like to set a rate for children under 6 years old to be free when they are accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Children under 6 must be

- accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Staff will need to define “older sibling”.
4. Running is requesting that Sunday hours be extended to 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm. Finance Director LaBorde added that she would need to confirm with the state that this change is acceptable.
  5. Running would like to increase the number of vehicles that provide service in the City. They believe the current number is not meeting needs. This change would potentially happen next year.
  6. Running requested that the city increase the charge for traveling outside of the City limits. The current rate is 75 cents per mile. Running is requesting the charge be increased to \$1.00/per mile.

The committee took no action on this item as time was running short. Chairperson O'Connor invited Running Inc., to come back to the next Finance meeting on March 27, 2018 to have further discussion.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Majewski, second by O'Connor to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.