

**CITY OF WAUWATOSA**

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**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 8, 2004  
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Aids. Bruderle-Baran, Casey, Grimm, Herzog, Jenkins, Maher, McCarthy, Stepaniak – 8

ALSO PRESENT: T. Wontorek, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; B. Aldana, Asst. City Atty.; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; Chief D. Redman, Fire

Ald. Bruderle-Baran as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Amendment to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for radios in the fire department**

Chief Redman said the fire department received a 2003 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to upgrade radios. Previously approved purchases total \$291,375.50; that leaves \$9,624.50 of the \$301,000 in total project funding. The resolution approved using any balance to purchase spare batteries. The single source installer required by Milwaukee County identified additional costs of \$1,500 for installing a cross-band repeater in the department’s incident command vehicle and for previously unidentified installation costs for the Dispatch Center. There are additional costs for permanent labeling of the portable radios estimated at \$200 to \$500 and mounting brackets estimated at \$300 to \$600. Money spent for these purchases will reduce the number of spare batteries; however, there is no critical need for the additional batteries. Making the purchase now improves back up capability and will save in future battery replacement costs. There is no overall fiscal impact this year. The only change is in how previously approved funds are spent. He recommended approving an addition \$1,500 for contractual installation costs, labeling and mounting brackets and reducing the number of spare batteries purchased.

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2003 FEMA grant for upgrading fire department radios – 8

**Vouchers**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
D. Hoppe	\$170.00	Police – 3/5-3/7/04 – Green Bay High Tech Crime Investigation
A. Eldredge	\$130.53	Health – 5/25-5/26/04 – Madison Public Health Practice Course on Epidemiology and Biostatistics
J. McGuire	\$136.81	Health – 5/25-5/26/04 – Madison Public Health Practice Course on Epidemiology and Biostatistics
J. Stohler	\$26.15	Health – 4/30/04 – Oconomowoc Communicable Diseases Spring Seminar 2004

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
J. Karius	\$100.24	Police – 5/10-5/14 & 5/24-5/29/04 – MATC DAAT Instructor Course
J. Griffin	\$102.90	Police – 5/10-5/14 & 5/24-5/29/04 – MATC DAAT Instructor Course
G. Gabrish	\$26.50	Police – 5/24-5/26/04 – MATC Advanced Patrol In-service Training
J. Bembenek	\$25.00	Purchasing – 5/27/04 – West Allis NIGP Spon. Webinar “Role of Competitive Negotiation in the Procurement Process”
M. Schultz	\$105.00	Police – 5/10-5/14/04 – Green Bay Simunitions Training
J. Jensen	\$33.93	Police – 5/24-5/27/04 – Pewaukee Radar/Lidar Course
A. Kesner	\$40.75	Legal – 5/27/04 – Milwaukee Milw. Bar Assoc. CLE Credit & Luncheon
A. Stefanovich	\$291.50	Fire – 6/1-6/4/04 – Menomonee Falls Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. Grimm that the vouchers be allowed and paid – 8

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Grimm to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g): Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, and may reconvene into open session – 8

The committee convened into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

**Worker’s Compensation claim of Lou Burcaw**

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Stepaniak to recommend approval of the City Attorney’s recommendation for settlement of the Worker’s Compensation claim – 8

**Worker’s Compensation claim of Linda Burmeister**

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend approval of the City Attorney’s recommendation for settlement of the Worker’s Compensation claim – 8

The committee reconvened into open session at 8:28 p.m.

### **Projections for the 2005 Budget**

Mr. Wontorek noted that renewal of all of the city's labor agreements is the main difference between the 2005 budget and previous budgets. He distributed a chart to the committee reflecting aspects of the 2004 budget and projections for the 2005 budget. The 2004 budget contains the following: 1) the current tax levy is \$30,286,743; 2) the tax rate is \$7.90 per \$1,000; 3) the assessed value is \$3,833,713,550; and 4) the health insurance fund is \$6,870,358. He said the projected increase in the tax levy for 2005 is 2.7%. The projected increase in the tax rate is 1.1%. The projected assessed value for 2005 is \$3,891,219,253.

Mr. Braier said there are some wages built into the 2005 budget to accommodate for the step increases including FICA and retirement costs. The following are further 2005 budget projections: 1) operating expenditures are up 2% of the overall budget, 2) the jobs account is up 2%, 3) the jobs account contributed to economic development and added \$30,000 to capital outlay, 4) there will be approximately \$450,000 added to the normal surplus application, 5) current indicators are that the state shared revenue seems to be static for the next year, 6) the computer exempt payment is decreasing due to depreciation, and 7) the city will get reimbursement from the county for fire service to the County Grounds.

Mr. Braier said that 2003 surplus of \$1,431,000 was applied to reduce the levy. The surplus for 2005 will be close to the same, but will also be generated in the range of \$600,000 to \$900,000. It is still very early in the process. He explained that the large balance in the surplus is attributable to the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District #2.

Ald. Herzog asked how assessed value is determined. Mr. Wontorek replied that the Assessor has indicated that most of the growth is in the area of personal property, primarily the medical centers that have been constructed. There was a minor increase in real estate. He said there will be better numbers on that in the next two to three weeks.

Ald. Stepaniak said some of the medical facilities in the community have a dispute with the city as to what is taxable. Mr. Wontorek acknowledged that some have filed law suits and others are raising the question. Ald. Bruderle-Baran said it may be helpful if the committee could be provided with information explaining where an increase in assessed value comes from.

Moved by Ald. Stepaniak, seconded by Ald. Maher to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session, and may reconvene into open session – 8

The committee convened into closed session at 8:43 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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