

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 5, 2006
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Ewerdt, Grimm, Hanson, Krol, Maher, Purins, Stepaniak – 8

ALSO PRESENT: A. Kesner, Interim City Admin./City Atty.; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; Police Chief B. Weber; Police Captain J. Reit; Fire Chief D. Redman; Asst. Fire Chief M. Anton

Ald. Stepaniak as Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Acceptance of two grant awards for the police department in the amount of \$69,494

Capt. Reit said the police department has been awarded two grants from the State of Wisconsin. The first is a Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance grant in the amount of \$64,994 which will allow for name information sharing among the majority of police departments throughout the state. The Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing (WIJIS) system allows for police agencies to upload name and arrest data to a central state operated server. State law enforcement agencies can send queries to this database and obtain name and arrest information currently not available to most agencies. He said the second grant in the amount of \$4,500 will offset some of the costs from the Wisconsin Supreme Court's mandate to record in custody interrogations.

Ald. Stepaniak noted that the first grant is a one time only grant and the second grant may be the first of subsequent grants. Ald. Krol asked if there would be ongoing costs associated with the hardware and software. Capt. Reit indicated that there would be minimum problems and minor upkeep with the equipment. He added that that the equipment will become the city's property and will be maintained by the city.

Moved by Ald. Grimm, seconded by Ald. Purins to recommend acceptance of two State of Wisconsin grants for the police department totaling \$69,494 – 8

Change of Purpose for certain wage and fringe benefit account amounts in the police department

Mr. Kesner said that one of the recommendations made by himself and Mayor Estness for the 2007 executive budget is to use excesses in the 2006 wage and fringe benefit accounts to fund newly added sergeant, community service officer and dispatch positions for the remainder of 2006. This is an opportunity to implement these positions now. The police department felt they had enough savings to move forward with some of these changes. The request for two additional full time dispatch positions is a joint request with the fire department. He noted that the community service officer positions have been volunteer positions, but they would like to add a salary component to these temporary, part time positions. He said there will be no additional financial impact for the city due to the surplus in already budgeted wage and fringe benefit amounts.

Ald. Maher said he would like to see some kind of detailed analysis regarding the criteria on which these positions are being proposed. These position proposals would cost almost \$30,000. He said it would be hard to support this proposal without any data to suggest that the positions are necessary. He also wanted to know what the net effect of these positions would be going into next year. It is difficult to commit resources when there is very little information.

Ald. Purins noted that some of the justification for the positions is in the Employee Relations Committee packet in substantive detail. Ald. Stepaniak said that the timing is difficult because they are discussing appropriating the money for the new positions when they haven't been discussed in the Employee Relations Committee.

Mr. Kesner said the monies are available now and the position needs are immediate. They have recommended the addition of these positions for 2007, but there is an opportunity to fill them now.

Ald. Krol said he also was concerned about making a decision that may have an impact for next year and approving the monies before the Employee Relations Committee has a chance to discuss the positions. He felt more comfortable about looking at this as a long term issue during the 2007 Budget Committee discussions.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Maher to hold the matter until September 26th --

Ald. Maher said he would like to know the net fiscal impact and the impetus driving the demand for these positions.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 8

Claim of Dr. John Schuller, 6819 Wellauer Drive

Mr. Kesner said this claim involving damages caused by a sewer backup in Dr. Schuller's home, is similar to a claim that was previously denied on Wellauer Avenue. There is no liability on the part of the city. The city had no advance notice of a problem and had been doing regular maintenance on that sewer line.

Moved by Ald. Purins, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend denial of the claim --

Ald. Grimm noted that there was more than one claim on that street. Mr. Kesner explained that the date of loss on the claim was the same as the previous claim, but Dr. Schuller's claim was not filed until June 20th. He reiterated that the city has been performing regular maintenance in that area and had no advance notice of any problem.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7, Noes: 1 (Grimm)

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
S. Cunitz	\$73.73	Health – 6/22-6/23/06 – Madison Orientation for New Public Health Professionals
L. Murphy	\$73.73	Health – 6/22-6/23/06 – Madison Orientation for New Public Health Professionals
M. Schultz	\$55.00	Police – 6/5-6/7/06 – Oconomowoc Basic Forensic Interview Training
B. Skornia	\$55.00	Police – 6/5-6/7/06 – Oconomowoc Basic Forensic Interview Training

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
J. Sutter	\$25.00	Police – 4/27/06 – Franklin Impaired Driving & Legal Update Seminar
J. Dubinski	\$160.00	Police – 3/29-3/31/06 – Green Bay Wisconsin Association for Identification Conf.
J. Wojcehowicz, J. Geiger C. Mason, J. Nash	\$72.00	Water – 8/17/06 – Waukesha Tri-County Waterworks Meeting
L. Nielsen	\$5,035.43	Health/Consortium – 7/30-8/4/06 – Raleigh, NC Univ. of North Carolina Management Academy
J. Butterfield	\$99.00	Police – 7/19-7/21/06 – Superior Superior Sniper Competition Training
D. Braun	\$275.90	Police – 7/25-7/28/06 – Green Bay Drugs: Identification, Recog. and Legal Update
S. Kirby	\$59.77	Police – 7/19-7/21/06 – Superior Superior Sniper Competition Training
J. Milotzky	\$191.10	Police – 7/19-7/21/06 – Superior Superior Sniper Competition Training
A. Eldredge	\$210.66	Health – 8/21-8/22/06 – Stevens Point 9 th Annual Public Health Nursing Conf.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Purins that the vouchers
be allowed and paid – 8

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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