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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Ewerdt, Grimm, Stepaniak, Becker, Krol, Purins - 6

EXCUSED: Ald. Hanson

ABSENT: Ald. Maher

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; N. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.;
W. Kappel, Public Works Dir., J. Plass, Accounting Mgr.

Ald. Stepaniak as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

Contingency funds for reserve salt purchases

The committee reviewed a request by Mr. Kappel to set aside funds in the amount of \$37,212.90 from the Reserve for Contingencies account to use as needed, for additional salt purchases for the remainder of 2008. The city has used over two-thirds of the salt supply, and is in desperate straits. Currently the only additional salt that is available is the 1,090 tons stored in reserve. Mr. Kappel updated the committee on measures being taken to decrease the amount of salt being used. On the reduced salt plan the main streets are done entirely, the area around all schools, and all hills and steep areas. Intersections are only being done on flat residential streets. Discretion is being used by the plow operators on abnormally long streets to use salt as needed, they understand the dire need to conserve salt usage. This reduced plan has been used in the last three plow operations effectively. More salt will not be available until mid-February. The cost of the reserve salt is the same price as the initial purchase.

Ald. Krol asked what the normal yearly salt usage is. Mr. Kappel noted the average winter usage is approximately 6000 tons. This year we have had smaller storms which take up a lot of extra salt. The salt purchases for 2009 will be ordered in April. Mr. Kappel mentioned he would like to start next year with a full dome of salt unlike this year.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend approval to use funds from the Reserve for Contingencies account for reserve salt purchases as needed in the amount of \$37,212.90 - 6

Reduction in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and adjustments to 2008 allocations

Mr. Archambo explained to the committee that every year the city estimates the amount for the CDBG grant. Not until after the first of the year do they find out what the actual grant amount issued is. The total amount received was approximately 1% less than projected. Ms. Welch noted that new funding levels for all 2008 CDBG funded projects were established as a result. The staff is recommending decreasing all projects by 1% while still meeting the mandatory caps.

Ald. Purins inquired if this reduction needed committee approval. Ms. Welch commented that since the allocation approved was being revised a new budget would need to be approved.

Ald. Purins commented that since there was no recommendation attached with the paperwork, it was not clear to him if this was an action item or a notice. Mr. Archambo noted that this item is worth committee attention. This gives the committee the opportunity to make any changes if they deemed necessary.

Ald. Krol commented that the 1% across the board reduction was fair.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Grimm to recommend approval for a 1% reduction across the board in the CDBG allocation - 6

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
N. Kreuser	\$57.50	Health – 1/09/08 – Johnson Creek WI Association of Local Health Depts. & Boards Annual Meeting
L. Nielsen	\$44.34	Health – 1/09/08 – Johnson Creek WI Association of Local Health Depts. & Boards Annual Meeting
T. Karnick	\$170.00	Police – 10/02/07 – 10/03/07 WI Dells Field Training Officer Conference
Robin Schumacher	\$335.00	Police – 10/15/07-10/19/07 Ft. McCoy, WI Technical Crash Investigation
Mary Steffey	\$83.70	Clerks – 01/14/08 - Madison WI Statewide Voter Registration System Training
Paul Fassbender	\$312.87	Engineering – 01/07/08 – 01/08/08 Madison Course #J223: Improving Public Works Construction Inspection Skills
John Weber	\$303.89	Engineering –01/07/08 -1/08/08 Madison Attended course #J223: Improving Public Works Construction Inspection Skills
Keith Werner	\$598.39	Police - 12/12/07 – 12/17/07 Orlando, FL Background Investigation

Stephen Kirby	\$200.00	Police – 11/07/07 – Pewaukee Armorer’s Class
Barry Weber	\$79.00	Police – 11/01/07 – 11/2/07 Beloit PEG Meeting (Police Executive Group)
Timothy Kastner	\$88.15	Police – 01/07/08 – 1/26/08 Pewaukee DAAT Instructor Course

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt seconded by Ald. Krol that the vouchers
be allowed and paid – 6

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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