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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Aids. Berdan, Causier, McBride, Walsh, Wilson, Donegan, Ewerdt - 7

EXCUSED: Ald. Hanson

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Attorney; W. Wehrley, Acting Public Works Director; J. Plass, Acting Finance Dir.

Ald. Ewerdt as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.

### **Corrections to the 2010 assessment roll**

The City Attorney said that a few mistakes were discovered in the 2011 assessment roll which resulted in changes to the tax bill. These changes were made late in the year after the tax bills were mailed out.

Mr. Kesner said that to correct the error, these discrepancies need to be rescinded so that the tax roll will be made whole. The taxpayers will be paying taxes on the corrected assessed value.

Moved by Ald. Walsh, seconded by Ald. Causier  
to rescind the discrepancies making the tax roll whole – Ayes: 7

### **Garbage carts purchase**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Acting Director of Public Works and the Purchasing Manager regarding the approval to use the second low bidder for garbage cart purchases. Mr. Wehrley said that every year the City purchases a truckload of replacement carts. The City standardized on Americarts from the beginning of the cart program until it stopped manufacturing the low style cart. The purchase price for one truck load of garbage carts typically falls below the \$25,000 threshold thereby not requiring approval of the Common Council. Announced increases in cart prices, coupled with the advanced age of our existing garbage cart fleet with its increasing replacement rate, dictates that it is in the best interest of the City to purchase two truckloads of garbage carts this month.

Mr. Wehrley reported that each year the city orders a truckload (500) of carts. He said our fleet of carts is aging and this year the city needs to order a second load. Mr. Wehrley said the low price vendor has a style of cart that is not favored by the collection crews. The second low bidder is the vendor we have received numerous truckloads from. The collection crews were asked for their input on the cart type preferred. Mr. Wehrley advised that there is a price difference of \$1.71 per cart increase.

Ald. McBride said if the employees think there is an efficiency advantage with the cart from the second low bidder we should go with that vendor.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Donegan  
to recommend approval of two truckloads of Otto carts  
at the price of \$45.96 per cart.

Ald. Walsh inquired about funds for the second truckload of carts. Mr. Wehrley said they would like to use \$25,000 in funds out of the jobs line item in the 2011 Solid Waste budget which has been designated for the Transfer Station roof. Mr. Wehrley said if the recycling market continues to be strong; it would be their intent to transfer \$25,000 from recycling revenues back into the job account to repair the roof later this year.

Ald. Walsh asked about the shape of the roof. Mr. Wehrley reported that it is leaking. Ald. Walsh commented that if the roof gets too bad before the recycling funds are replaced, staff should come back to committee for funding so a little roof problem doesn't turn into a big one.

Vote on the motion – Ayes: 7

### **Annual renewal of construction inspection services with Graef -USA**

Mr. Wehrley reported that there is one in-house employee that does this work and when it exceeds the work load, it is contracted out on an as-needed basis.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Donegan  
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. Ayes: 7

The committee reconvened into open session at 8:42 p.m.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Walsh  
to recommend approval of the recommendation to renew  
the 2011 inspection services contract with Graef-USA and to  
accept approval of their 2011 fee schedule for non-City funded  
projects, and authorization to enter into an agreement for construction  
inspection services – Ayes: 7

### **Claim of John Standal, 2111 N. 91<sup>st</sup> St.**

Mr. Kesner reported that the claim involves a garbage cart that was allegedly left in the street and the wind allegedly blew the cart into his van.

Mr. Kesner advised that due to sovereign immunity the city is not liable.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Wilson  
to recommend denial of the claim by John Standal,  
2111 N. 91<sup>st</sup> Street – Ayes: 7

## Vouchers

Brian Skornia	Police	Social Networking Investigations - Franklin	1/14/11	9.00
Joe Roy	Police	Instructor Development (LESB) at MATC Oak Creek	04/03 - 01/06/11	139.08
Gayle Hildebrandt	Police	Excel Basics and Beyond the Basics - Milwaukee	01/20 - 01/21/11	143.52
Laura Laurishke	Police	Excel Basics and Beyond the Basics - Milwaukee	01/20 - 01/21/11	142.67
Joe Roy	Police	Firearms Instructor training at MATC Oak Creek	01/10 - 01/14/11	148.16
Patricia Sobczyk	Water	Adobe Day: Reducing Paperwork with e-forms - Madison	01/27/11	95.37
Chief Barry Weber	Police	WCPA 2011 Winter Training Conference - WI Dells	01/30 - 02/02/11	327.25
Beth Aldana	HR	2011 WPELRA conference - Chula Vista Resort	01/26 - 01/28/11	401.75
Dave Etlicher	Engineering	Surveyor's Institute classes - Kalahari Convention Center	01/25 - 01/31/11	845.50
Paul Leist	Police	Leadership in Police Organizations - MPD Regional Training Center	01/24 - 02/25/11	443.17

Moved by Ald. Walsh, seconded by Ald. Causier  
that the vouchers be allowed and paid – Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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