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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Walsh, Ewerdt, Causier, Donegan, Berdan, McBride, Hanson, Wilson – 8

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Administrator; A. Kesner, City Atty.; J. Ruggini, Finance Dir.;
B. Porter, Public Works Dir.; B. Weber, Police Chief; Cpt. D. Weiss, Police Dept.

Ald. Walsh as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Ordinance amending Chapter 7.08 to create an alarm registration system - (for adoption)

The City Attorney reviewed the draft ordinance which allows for a permit fee to be charged for every alarm utilized on any premise. This fee was included in the consolidated fee schedule which was passed during the budget process.

Cpt. Weiss said the alarm system registration will be in effect within 30 days of the ordinance being passed. He replied that audible alarms would be covered under this ordinance.

Ald. McBride noted that the committee had previously discussed this at length. Although troubled a little by an additional burden on alarm owners he felt the information gathered to build the data base would be worth the fee.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Hanson to
recommend approval of ordinance amending Chapter 7.08
creation of an alarm registration system -

Ald. Ewerdt along with a few other aldermen said they had received some complaints from constituents regarding the alarm fee. Ald. Ewerdt questioned the non-registration fee charge and why it was necessary. Cpt. Weiss replied that the late fee would be used for those citizens or businesses that ignore or refuse to register their alarm system.

Chief Weber reported that a survey of surrounding municipalities was taken to determine the fee rate. The City Attorney said it is legally within the power of the City to charge the non-registration fee charge.

Ald. Hanson clarified that it was previously discussed that the police department spends more time at an alarmed residence or business which justifies the fee. He also noted that the fee and fine were included in the consolidated fee schedule passed during the budget process.

Ald. Berdan commented that it is an extra measure of protection for those that have alarm systems but couldn't support the motion.

Chief Weber commented that there are municipalities surrounding us that do not respond to alarm calls and part of the rationale is that Wauwatosa could do the same.

Vote on the motion – Ayes: 5 Noes: 3 (Berdan, Ewerdt, Walsh)

Update on the School District agreement for repayment of Covenant settlement

Mr. Ruggini reported to the committee that the School District has advised that they had an unanticipated large surplus at year’s end and would probably be paying the City for the Covenant settlement out of their own funds. As approved at the November 29 committee meeting, the City borrowed \$2,000,000 in order to finance the School Districts portion of the settlement which was felt to be in the best interest of the taxpayers. At that time no formal agreement had been signed with the School District.

Mr. Ruggini advised that he continues to work with the financial advisor for the best way to recoup the issuance and interest costs. Mr. Ruggini said that the School Board would be meeting this month and a decision will be known at that time. Mr. Ruggini assured the committee the City would find a good investment like a CD or more likely would swap out the money with other borrowing for projects that would be done. He said he would keep the committee updated when more information becomes available.

Vouchers

Name	Dept.	Reason and location	Date	Amount
Lt. James Mastrocola	Police	SWAT Command Decision Making and Leadership - Waunakee, WI	12/11 - 12/16/11	734.25
Sgt. David Moldenhauer	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	12/12-12/14/11	70.74
Sgt. Jack Morrison	Police	Mentoring for Development - Franklin	12/19/11	102.00
Sgt. Brian Zalewski	Police	Unacceptable Employee Behavior - CVMIC-Green Bay, WI	12/12 - 12/14/11	140.00
James Donovan	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	10/03/ - 10/05/11	104.04
Ryan Cepican	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	11/28 - 11/30/11	106.11
Roger Martens	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	12/05 - 12/07/11	106.11
Timothy Warren	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	12/05 - 12/07/11	105.07
Sgt. Gary Gabrish	Police	Law Enforcement Officers Killed Assaulted - Oak Creek	11/17/11	8.79
Nicholas Stahl	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	11/28 - 11/30/11	106.11
Kelly Zielinski	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	12/12 - 12/14/11	105.60
Joel Kutz	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	12/12 - 12/14/11	106.03
David Cefalu	Police	2011 Fall Police In-service training - WCTC Pewaukee	12/12 - 12/14/11	104.04
Ryan Cepican	Police	Truck Law Enforcement at WSPA - Sparta, WI	12/04 - 12/08/11	398.19

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Berdan
that the vouchers be allowed and paid. Ayes: 7 Present: 1 (Donegan)

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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