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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Ald. Bruderle-Baran, Casey, Grimm, Jenkins, Matthews, McCarthy, Stepaniak, Subotich – 8

ALSO PRESENT: T. Wontorek, City Admin.; E. Miller-Carter, Asst. City Atty.; P. Coffaro, Asst. to Admin.; R. Braier, Compt./Treas.; W. Wehrley, City Eng./Div. Mgr.

Ald. Stepaniak as Chair called the meeting to order 8:10 p.m.

Library bond refinancing

Mr. Braier said that he was requesting that the committee authorize a special meeting on November 5th prior to the Common Council meeting in order to approve the resolution for this refinancing. He said the city has \$1,875,000 of library bonds outstanding that carry an interest rate of 6.50%-6.80%. They would like to have the bonds called and refinanced on the first call date, December 1, 2002. The savings to the city is approximately \$190,000. Ald. Stepaniak noted that the market is sufficiently positive so that the city can take advantage of refinancing at the lower rate.

Moved by Ald. Jenkins, seconded by Ald. Casey to set a special meeting date of November 5, 2002 before the Common Council meeting for the purpose of approving the refinancing of outstanding library bonds – 8

Purchase order for handheld 800 MHZ two-way radios

Mr. Wehrley said that this is the second year of a multi-year purchase for the radios. Motorola has said they will hold the cost at the same price as last year. He said that they will save approximately \$3,000 by eliminating the “intrinsically safe” feature on 19 handheld radios. Ald. Casey asked about the “intrinsically safe” feature. Mr. Wehrley explained that “intrinsically safe” is a feature that prevents the units from becoming unstable when exposed to high temperatures, or other extreme elements such as firefighters or police might encounter. This feature would not be necessary for public works employees.

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to recommend approval to waive the normal bidding process for the purchase of 800 MHZ two-way radios – 8

Claim of Alfrieda Durrah, 5521 N. 39th Street, Milwaukee

Ms. Miller-Carter told the committee that the police received a report that there was an armed robbery at Jacobus Park. They located Ms. Durrah who happened to fit the profile in almost every detail. In the process of detaining her, they discovered that she wasn't the person involved in the crime; however, they also found that she had an open warrant. Ms. Miller-Carter said they took Ms. Durrah into the station because of the open warrant. Ms. Durrah has since filed a claim. Ms. Miller-Carter noted that the claim for damages seems to be excessive. In the initial police report, Ms. Durrah said only that she felt slightly nauseous and a little upset. At the time of the report she did not indicate any damages.

Ald. Jenkins asked if her complaint was that she wouldn't have been arrested for the outstanding warrant or that she was unlawfully detained. Ms. Miller-Carter said that one of the complaints was that her arrest was not lawful. She said that the police indicated that they have detained people for less detailed descriptions than the one they had in the Jacobus Park incident. She said it is very unfortunate that this happened to Ms. Durrah and that it happened outside her place of employment, but everything that was done was done in accordance with police practice. Ald. McCarthy asked if Ms. Durrah was alleging any specific damages. Ms. Miller-Carter replied that there are no details in the claim pertaining to specific injuries and no communication from Ms. Durrah's attorney.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Jenkins to recommend denial of the claim of Alfrieda Durrah – 8

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
R. Gruebling	\$502.78	Treasurer – 9/18-9/20/02 – La Crosse Municipal Treasurer's Assoc. – Fall Conf.
J. Dubinski	\$165.44	Police – 4/21-4/26/02 – Appleton Advanced Internet Crimes Investigations
D. Leone	\$321.00	Police – 5/6-5/8/02 – Milwaukee MATC Patrol In-Service
J. Sorensen, M. Niebler	\$168.00	Water – 9/17/02 – Milwaukee Hands-on Locator Demonstration
R. Baker	\$191.89	Municipal Court – 9/5-9/6/02 – Neenah Mandatory Judicial Education Seminar
D. Stachowiak	\$272.75	Comptroller – 9/11-9/13/02 – Neenah WGFOA Fall Conference
J. Wojcehowicz	\$320.35	Water – 9/8-9/12/02 – Wisconsin Dells WWA – Annual Water Meeting
T. Roberts	\$192.00	Fire – 8/18-9/2/02 – Emmitsburg, MD National Fire Academy - Management of Fire Prevention Programs
S. Kirby	\$35.92	Police – 8/26-8/30/02 – Milw. Police Academy Firearms Instructor Training

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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