

Meeting Minutes
Finance & Personnel Committee
Wednesday – November 4, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Members present: Barrington, O'Connell, Morack, Romberg and Tate.

Also present: Mayor Henke, Administrator Hager, Treasurer Radke, Alderman Besaw, Alderman Herter, Alderman Steinhorst, Alderman Lori Dean and Nettie McGee, resident of the Town of Ellington.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberg. Motion made by Morack and seconded by Tate to approve the agenda. Carried 5-0.
2. Nettie McGee, a resident of the town Ellington, requested the finance committee approve A Resolution Requesting Action to Overturn the Citizens United Decision. The purpose of the Resolution is to put back the legal limits on contributions and expenditures in elections by Corporations and Unions. The committee did not feel well enough informed of the citizen's views to agree with passage of the Resolution. Therefore, a motion was made by O'Connell and seconded by Morack to table the discussion indefinitely. Carried 3-2. Morack and Barrington against.

Mayor Henke suggested that a referendum item be included during the voting process so the citizens could decide through that process regarding the Resolution requesting Action to Overturn the Citizen United Decision. The process for referendum will be researched and provided to Ms. McGee and communicated to the committee at the December meeting.

3. Alderman Herter requested a general discussion regarding changing from a 2 year term for City Council members to a 4 year term. Alderman Herter feels that a 2 year term is too short of a time to understand the process of local government, as you just begin to "get your feet wet" and then your term expires. Alderman Morack voiced his concern of going to a 4 year term, as the citizens should not have to keep someone in office if the citizens who elected that person feel the elected council member is not doing an appropriate job, or the council member does not vote as the citizens he/she represents would have liked on "hot issues." It was requested that City Clerk Sue Tennie research the process of changing City Council member's terms from 2 to 4 years. That information will be brought before the December finance meeting.
4. Finance Director Judy Radke discussed the funding for the planned reconstruction of Division Street. The Division Street project is a joint project with Waupaca County and is scheduled to be included as part of the 2016 capital bonding funds with construction planned for 2017.
5. A motion was made by Morack and seconded by Barrington to recommend to council denial of an insurance claim. Carried 5-0.
6. A motion was made by O'Connell and seconded by Tate to recommend to council approval of the Ordinance adopting the 2016 Budget. Carried 5-0.

7. Treasurer Radke went through the updated retirement schedule. The purpose of the retirement schedule is to make sure the City is putting away sufficient dollars into designated funds to meet retirement obligations in the future. The current dollar amount being put into the reserve fund is sufficient to cover the accumulated costs. The committee will continue to review this fund balance as part of the budget process.
8. The Administrator's report and the Budget Reports were discussed.
9. There being no further business O'Connell/Morack to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Judy Radke, Finance Director

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