

**CITY OF ELKHORN**  
**Finance & Judicial Committee**  
**(Aldermen John Karcher, Chair; Julie Taylor; Howie Reynolds)**

**Lower Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

**January 9, 2006**

Chairman John Karcher called the Legislative and Regulatory Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen John Karcher, Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Police Captain Pat Slattery, District 3 Candidate Ron Dunwiddie

**CITY CHARGES FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to recommend to Council a reduction in the cost of Police assigned to traffic control at the annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce from \$1,030.95 to \$500. Motion carried by the majority present. City Administrator Tapson reported to Committee that after some adjustments to the invoice submitted by the Police Department the actual cost was reduced to \$725. Committee agreed to reduce that amount to \$500. Tapson said the issue of what amount should be charged to events that benefit the City will be reviewed in the Legislative and Regulatory Committee.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMPENSATION**

Committee discussed increasing the Council member compensation. Unanimous opinion was that there is not a need for an increase because present compensation is among the highest in the area. The Chairman will report to Council that Finance and Judicial Committee members recommend keeping it at the current level.

**POLICE SQUAD BID**

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to recommend to Council to award the purchase of a 2006 Ford Police Interceptor Squad Car to Elkhorn Motors for \$20,810 and an additional \$1,800 to be spent transferring equipment and registration. Motion carried by the majority present.

**POLICE DEPT. AC CONDENSER REPLACEMENT**

Committee discussed the request for a replacement of the air conditioning in the Police Department. Chief Christensen received three proposals. The proposals contained options including the replacement of the furnace. Committee found the proposals to be unclear and requested that the Chief asked the contractors to submit one cost that would include the air conditioning and the furnace. Action on the item was postponed until the next Finance and Judicial Committee meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION: PURCHASE OF COPIER**

Action was postponed until the next Finance and Judicial Committee meeting. The Parks and Recreation Director was waiting for a proposal and would present them at the next meeting.

**ENGAGEMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL: LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND ANNEXATION MATTERS**

Motion (Karcher/Reynolds) to recommend to Council authorize the engagement of William F. White as special counsel for matters related to annexation, land use and development. Motion carried by the majority present.

In discussion, City Administrator Tapson said in light of the developments being proposed in surrounding Towns, special counsel is needed. The special counsel would be paid only if used.

**OUTSOURCING LOCATE SERVICE**

City Administrator was directed to draft a policy for the outsourcing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Taylor/Karcher) to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

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Nancy B. Jacobson  
City Clerk