

CITY OF ELKHORN
Finance & Judicial Committee
(Aldermen Howie Reynolds, Chair; Julie Taylor; Scott McClory)

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

October 9, 2006

Chairman Howie Reynolds called the Finance and Judicial Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor

Absent: Alderman Scott McClory

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, Finance Director/City Treasurer Mary Hinske, Police Chief Joel Christensen

SQUAD LAPTOP COMPUTERS, MODEMS AND MOUNTING HARDWARE

Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to recommend to Council approval of a budget adjustment in the Vehicle Replacement Fund of \$16,200 for the purchase of Squad Laptop Computers, Modems and Mounting Hardware. Motion carried by the majority present.

In discussion, Police Chief Christensen said that the purchase was scheduled for 2007; however, the two current laptops cannot be used with the new program purchased through a Wisconsin Department of Transportation grant. He said that approximately \$3,000 is left from the grant and can be used to offset the cost of the new computers. The \$3,000 must be used by December 31, 2006. Committee was in agreement that the computers should be bought this year.

Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to recommend to Council the purchase of two squad laptop computers from Tough Solution for \$7,046 and the installation from BayComm for \$7,385.70. Motion carried by the majority present.

AUDITOR REVIEW COMMITTEE

Finance Director Hinske asked if anyone was interested in being a part of the Auditor Review Committee. She said three auditors have responded with proposals. Alderman Taylor said she would be on the committee.

OPERATING BUDGET 2007

City Administrator Tapson told Committee he was notified that the General Transportation Aids for 2007 is \$31,000 less than 2006. When preparing the 2007 Budget he had not anticipated a drop. Tapson presented options for reduction in the budget. Consensus was to eliminate the 30-hour proposed Parks and Recreation employee and hire two limited term employees. Other options included reducing Street Maintenance, meeting the \$30,000 shortfall from surplus reserves or increase the Electric Utility transfer from utility reserves to the General Fund. None of the alternatives were considered viable options.

Committee reviewed the Capital Improvements for 2007. The CIP will be on the Council agenda for preliminary endorsement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson, City Clerk