

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

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

**February 12, 2007**

Chairman Howie Reynolds called the Finance and Judicial Committee to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor, Scott McClory

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, Finance Director/Treasurer Mary Hinske, Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Simons

Others present: Laurie Johnson, Chase Bank; Cynthia Simonsen, VIP; Richard DeHaan, David DeHaan, Kimberly DeHaan

**INSURANCE CLAIMS**

**State Long Distance:** The City Liability Claims Committee recommended to Committee a settlement of a claim in the amount of \$6,271.48 made by State Long Distance for damage done to a section of fiber optic cable on Sporleder Road. After investigation, the Committee determined that the actions of a City lineman was not standard procedure and the cost should be paid by the City. Alderman Taylor said that she was confused about the amount and the letter submitted to SLD by ZDB Utility Construction where the bill for the incident was sent. City Administrator Tapson said he would verify the bill and send it directly to Council.

**Jamie Michael Claim:** Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to recommend to Council disallowance of the liability claim made by Jamie Michael that took place on January 22, 2007. Motion carried by the majority present. In discussion, the claim was for a damaged tire and inner fender that occurred when Michael hit a pothole on E. Centralia Street.

**SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF MOWER/PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.**

Motion (McClory/Taylor) to recommend to Council the purchase of a mower for the Parks and Recreation Department from a single source from Reinders. Motion carried by the majority present.

In discussion, Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Simons said the reason for the single source is that the Toro Groundskeeper 7210 zero turn rotary mower he recommends fits the needs of the department. It will replace the 2000 John Deere front deck rotary mower; however, the Toro will also be used as a snow removing machine. Simons said \$30,000 was budgeted for the mower and with the trade-in of the John Deere mower, the cost of the Toro will be less than what was budgeted.

**REPAIRS TO SWIMMING POOL**

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to recommend to Council to approve a budget adjustment for repairs to the pool by Southern Lakes Plumbing for \$9,655.85. Motion carried by the majority present.

In discussion, Simons said that the water service needs to be replaced because the pipes are rusted and have started to leak. In addition, the auto fill valve needs to be repaired or replaced. Consensus of the Committee was to replace the auto fill valve rather than repair it. Southern Lakes was the only company that bid the job. Simons said that Southern Lakes has done most of the work on the pool.

**DEHAAN MEADOW ENTERPRISE LEASE AGREEMENT**

Committee discussed the DeHaan Enterprise Lease Agreement with the owners concerning the code requirement for an all weather dust free surface. Richard DeHaan said that the leased area will be for storage of RVs, fenced in and lighted. The surface will be a good one but they cannot put in a

blacktopped surface. Kimberly DeHaan said that other businesses in the area do not have blacktopped surfaces. City Administrator Tapson said in the past people weren't asked to comply with the ordinance or they were in business prior to the adoption of the ordinance. The DeHaans asked that the City look at the area because it is poor soil and will need a large amount of fill. Alderman Reynolds said he does not want to break the code, but it will be costly to fill the property. He asked if limestone could be used on top of the fill. Alderman Taylor said the limestone may be a good compromise.

Alderman McClory recommended bringing it before the whole Council. He was not ready to make a decision to recommend. Tapson said that before it is presented to Council, the Committee should review all the considerations. Tapson said he will visit with the City Engineer, Public Works Director and City Attorney to see if there is a solution to creating a hard surface without blacktop and how it would affect the code and future businesses.

A written recommendation will be submitted by staff in two weeks.

### **FAIR MEADOW DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Committee reviewed the changes to the Fair Meadow Development Agreement. Consensus was to move the agreement forward to Council.

### **VIP REVENUE BONDS**

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to recommend to Council support of VIP Services Inc. in the issuance of a \$3 million of revenue bonds. Motion carried by the majority present. In discussion, Laurie Johnson of Chase Bank said she is working with the City's bond counsel, Brian Lanser, Quarles & Brady, in the transaction. Alderman Reynolds said that if there is no risk to the City, he supports the borrowing which will improve the area that formerly was Value Village on E. Geneva Street.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Taylor/McClory) to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

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Nancy B. Jacobson  
City Clerk