

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

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

March 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

PURCHASING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR MARKET STREET PARK

Motion (McClory/Taylor) to recommend to Council approval of the purchase of playground equipment from Miller and Associates for \$67,853. Motion carried by the majority present.

In discussion, Parks and Recreation Director Simons recommends Miller and Associates because the company offered the most soft surface and it still stayed within the amount budgeted. The soft surface is better for the children and reduces the amount of maintenance needed. Simons said he has received a number of complaints from families with special needs children. The children can not move around in the standard chips. The soft surface eliminates that problem. The equipment is expected to be operating by June 1, 2007.

ELECTRIC UTILITY BUDGET ADJUSTMENT/PURCHASE OF VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Motion (Taylor/McClory) to authorize the Electric Utility Director to advertise for bid a Mini Digger Derrick. Motion carried by the majority present.

The projected purchase price with all tools and attachments for the unit is \$128,000.

CAPITAL SPENDING REFERENDUM ORDINANCE

City Administrator Tapson presented to Committee a draft ordinance on capital spending referendum. Committee discussed how it should be worded concerning its application toward public works projects, whether it is a limit per single project or combined projects for the year. Alderman McClory asked that a clause be included stating that the ordinance does not preclude Council from sending any capital spending out to referendum. Tapson said he will send the ordinance with the adjustments as recommended by Committee to the City Attorney for review.

DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS FOR OLD PROJECTS

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to recommend to Council adopting Resolution No. 07-04 concerning previously issued special assessments for past projects. Motion carried by the majority present.

In discussion, the City Clerk presented the properties included in the deferred assessments. Some are properties outside of the City of Elkhorn limits and their respective towns did not adopt a resolution allowing for the special assessment. Others were assessments imposed over 23 years ago.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk