

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

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

**August 20, 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, Scott McClory, Julie Taylor

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, Finance Director/Treasurer Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director Art Schmitz

**MINI DIGGER DERRICK/ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to recommend to Council the purchase of a Mini Digger Derrick for the Electric Department from Dueco Sales for \$119,921.00. Motion carried by the majority present.

**2008 BUDGET**

Committee reviewed the 2008 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget as prepared by the City Administrator. Tapson cautioned the Committee concerning the levy limits being proposed by state legislators. Adjustments are being proposed to allocate more administrator wages and benefits to the utilities. If these adjustments are not done, there would most likely be a cut in services and staff. The City is presently understaffed in many areas. Tapson anticipates 2009 being worse because of the decrease in new construction. He recommended protecting reserves rather than using them at this time.

He suggested short term financing for street maintenance. The new debt would not affect the levy limit.

Alderman Reynolds said he would not want to see a reduction in employees.

Committee agreed on the following: 1) re-allocation and redistribution of wages to the utilities; 2) Short term debt for street maintenance; 3) suspend vehicle/equipment replacement only if absolutely necessary.

Alderman McClory asked Tapson to present two of his best proposals for the next Finance and Judicial Committee for review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (McClory/Taylor) to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

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Nancy B. Jacobson  
City Clerk