

Proceedings of Committee of the Whole
w/Finance Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2006
6:00 p.m.
New Berlin City Hall
3805 S Casper Dr
Council Chambers

Overview and questions re: 5 Year Financial Plan

Mayor Jack Chiovaturo called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and indicated all Aldermen are present except Augustine who is on his way. Members of the Finance Committee are also present. Alderman Augustine arrived at 6:20 PM.

Also present: City Clerk Marilyn Gauger, Planning Services Manager Nikki Jones, Inspection Services Manager Bob Sigrist, City Assessor Paul Koller, City Librarian Katie Schulz, City Engineer JP Walker, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mark Schroeder, City Engineer JP Walker, Director of Building Maintenance Bob Schulpius, Director of Community Development Greg Kessler, Director of Emergency Government Scott Schulpius. Assistant Fire Chief Joe Dahlman, Fire Department Office Coordinator Debra Delikat and Municipal Court Office Coordinator Mary Ann Rozman.

Mayor Chiovaturo indicated this evening we do not want to focus on the 2007 budget because we know we must stay within 2%. We are more concerned with polices and the need to make decisions and assist Ehlers and Associates to make analysis.

Community Development Director Greg Kessler and City Engineer JP Walker provided a report on the history from 1994 which re-evaluates the entire roadway maintenance system currently on a 30 year cycle. For the past 10 years, the City has approached maintenance of roads on the "worst-first" approach. This report defines maintenance vs. rehabilitation/construction; where dollars spent in those areas and recommendations for discussion on how to handle paying for roadway maintenance. Sixty percent of the City's roads are less than 6 per the PASER program. The average for all roads should be at 6. We are currently doing 4 miles per year whereby in previous years we were doing 7 miles. Borrowing short term versus placing in yearly operating budget was discussed.

Discussion followed on: the maximum percent of debt, surplus and CIP the Council would allow; alternatives for funding roadway maintenance; effect of increase of fuel costs and acceptable standards for City buildings and infrastructure.

Mike Harrigan, Executive Director of Ehlers and Associates was present and indicated every 1% in the budget is equal to \$206,000. He asked Council members to look at the maximum amount of percentage for levy adjustment and whether the roadway maintenance budget could be borrowed short term.

Levy increases ranging from 2 to 6 percent were discussed. A maximum of 25% of 5% of our equalized value for debt service was suggested.

Possible next meeting date: June 8th at 6P with Finance Committee. Council members to review their calendars and get back to Mayor Chiovaturo.

Mr. Harrigan asked Council members to think about stormwater fees and tax rate for the next meeting.

Mayor Chiovaturo indicated staff will start looking at their 2007 budget June 1st. Finance Director Mike Holzinger has put together a 2007 Budget timeline.

Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Augustine to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Alderman Moore and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Gauger
City Clerk