

Minutes
Finance Committee
Thursday, March 11, 2010

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Finance Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting

Members Present: Mayor Chiovarero, Aldermen Wysocki, Ament and Hopkins and Citizen Member Kapfhammer
Others Present: Ralph Chipman, Finance Director

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

New Business

09-10 Approval of February 04, 2010 minutes.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the minutes of the February 04, 2010 meeting. Second by Alderman Ament, and approved unanimously.

10-10 Purchase of American made Vehicles

Mayor Chiovarero begins discussion with an explanation of where the item originated, and that purchasing American made wherever possible has become an issue nationwide. Concerns are raised regarding the City safety vehicles, and the hope that those concerns will be addressed when a final decision is at hand. Questions are also raised about the verbiage, and in specific, "equipment". After extensive discussion, it is the general consensus of the committee that the requested action be amended, and "equipment" be removed.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to recommend to the Common Council adoption of the amended requested action, removing "equipment" as presented by Mayor Chiovarero regarding the purchase of American made vehicles. Second by Ms. Kapfhammer, and approved unanimously.

Old Business

08-10 Citizen Survey

Alderman Wysocki states that there is interest in some sort of survey to the citizens for input on budgets and expenditures. To begin the conversation, Alderman Wysocki explains that the survey currently being done for the school district is for purposes of strategic planning. The company working on that survey is not unfamiliar with what New Berlin has in mind, and a unique aspect they make available is the option to mail in, or complete online.

Mayor Chiovarero distributes handouts of the survey done by UWM for Shorewood, gives cost variances, time limitations, and explains the differences between this survey and the Milwaukee and Waupaca surveys.

General discussion concludes that additional information be gathered, and a special meeting be held to make a final determination on how best to move forward.

02-10 Long Term Financial Management Plan

Alderman Wysocki informs the committee that it is his intention to ask Ehlers about the refinancing to be sure they are on top of the issue. There are no additional updates, and the item will remain on the table for future discussion.

07-10 Restructure of Finance Committee

Tabled for future discussion

Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Second by Citizen member Kapfhammer, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
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