

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee for the City of Monona was called to order by Council President Speight at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Council President Chad Speight and Alderperson Doug Wood

Excused: Mayor Robert Miller and Alderperson Jim Busse

Also Present: City Administrator April Little, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, and City Clerk Joan Andrusz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Council President Speight to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2016 Finance & Personnel Committee meeting, was carried.

APPEARANCES

There were no Appearances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Administrator Little began Discussion of Hiring for Code Enforcement Officer Position stating there is no action item tonight due to numerous staff vacations. It was decided that a separate staff person at 16 hours per week was preferred. She, Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell, and Building Inspector Marty Pilger met with staff at the Village of McFarland. They will be checking their EMS and Fire personnel as no Monona staff member is interested in the position. Building Inspector Pilger has stated careers in the building inspection field are not being pursued. Other options discussed were an MATC intern or segueing the Code Enforcement position into Building Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Director Houtakker presented Power Point slides regarding Resolution 16-7-2109 Accepting a Public Service Commission Water Rate Increase. This was talked about last year. Three reasons for an increase is the debt coverage requirement, the largest user was lost, and \$4 million has been spent on infrastructure replacement. A conservation rate for commercial users was considered. Currently they have a declining rate where more use costs less. The PSC has determined an inclining rate is discriminatory against smaller users. The City is the only one that uses a formula of the assessed value of improvements times \$1,000 to calculate a mil rate, like property taxes but without land values. Residential conservation rates are structured so less use costs less.

The PSC provided proposals for a 15% increase overall, the highest increase that can be requested, which is 3% per year (the last increase was in 2011). One is the current structure and the other is charging the same rate for each category of commercial, industrial, and large multi-family properties. The effect of changes for commercial and residential users was reviewed along with 2015 data and a report of meters used throughout the City. Alder Wood asked Finance Director Houtakker for his opinion on the options. He responded he recommends the second option but both would work. The PSC needs a decision before September, after a public hearing, or the report will have to be re-done using more current data.

City Administrator Little provided an Update on Status of Fire Union, International Association of Firefighters Local 311 Health Insurance Opt-Out Grievance, stating the City lost the arbitration and there will be a meeting at the end of July to strategize how the City will go forward.

It was determined it was not necessary to Convene in Closed Session under Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Update on Status of Wisconsin Professional Police Association Health Insurance Opt-Out Grievance).

Finance Director Houtakker reviewed recent Accounts Payables and answered member's questions.

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Council President Speight to approve Acceptance of General Fund Accounts Payable Checks Dated June 17 through July 14, 2016, was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Alder Wood, seconded by Council President Speight to adjourn, was carried. (7:31 p.m.)

Joan Andrusz
City Clerk