

## SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – October 24, 2016

Mayor Mielke called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Present:* Aaron Schoen, Scott Zillmer, Arlyn Fischer, Scott Hoffmann

*Arriving later:* TJ Nolan (5:34 p.m.)

*Absent:* Ken Williamson

*Others present:* Vicki Riska (Premier Insurance)

m/s/c Schoen/Fischer to approve the agenda.

m/s/c Schoen/Hoffmann to deviate from the order of agenda if necessary.

**Acknowledgement of Citizens/Open Forum:** None.

### **New Business:**

- a. Property and Liability Insurance: Riska presented a revised EMC proposal; new total is \$57,053 down \$19,536 from the original quote. The dam policy was reworked and added to the general liability policy; Riska stated the reason is that something changed sometime since the original policy was written in 2007. Riska was also able to get some loyalty premiums and credits due to the 30 year history with EMC. Cyber coverage is new. The League uses a couple different carriers; with EMC you just have 1. The auto coverage is at Actual Cash Value (ACV); the League is at Replacement Cost (RC); Riska is uncertain if they can do <sup>RC</sup> ~~ACV~~ Mielke questioned whether EMC looks at the statutes when dealing with a municipality; Riska thinks they would. The League insurance replaces equipment if it fails prematurely; Riska will check if they can do that. The League pays dividends on liability as well as workers comp; the EMC dividend is just on workers comp. Riska said the loyalty credits will not disappear after the first year. Riska will check on coverage for employee dishonesty, punitive damages against the police, back wages and benefits for wrongful termination and on the level for Disaster Recovery. The League does not have deductibles on any liability; EMC has some deductibles on liability. Riska thinks volunteers are automatically covered. Riska left @ 4:45 p.m.; League proposal is \$53,804 - still \$3,250 less than EMC. Comparisons were made. Disappointment was voiced for it taking a competitive comparison to get lower rates and loyalty deductions. Mielke stated Riska should be given the opportunity to answer the questions that were posed. Tabled to the November Council.
- b. Employee Health Insurance: Health insurance requires the employer pay at least 50% of the premium and the employee needs to work at least 30 hours a week; Bessette doesn't qualify, which leaves only 1 employee in need of insurance. Cannot have a group of 1. No longer an option.
- c. 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan: The Public Protection/Fire Advisory committee tabled the 2017 Tender purchase. Wilke may have enough donations for the library flooring. Schultz is not sure when the K9 will need to be replaced. Zillmer wants Schultz to check on a Charger instead of an SUV as the replacement squad. Discussion on giving the shelter back to the Lions. Rogers clarified that the senior program is a county program, not a city program; the county pays the city rent for use of the center for a few hours of the day; council could spend a lot of time and money finding a place for the seniors only to have the county to reject it or decide to close the program altogether. Tabled.
- d. 2017 Fee Schedule: No further changes. Tabled.
- e. 2017 Budget: Copies of the most recent budget was on the table. Mielke also supplied a cover sheet with her comments. The proposed budget has the levy going up \$12,327; the Mayor stated that, because of the assessed value changes, the mill rate will actually go down .28 cents. The allowable levy could go up to \$39,560 this year due to the net new construction. Mielke doesn't think we can cut anymore while still maintaining services. Budgeted expenses are actually down to meet the Expenditure Restraint incentive; it was accomplished by putting part of the police squad costs to a short-term loan; it will be paid back right away; loan payments are levied for separately. Line 194 shows extra principal being paid

on the fire truck loan because it's our highest rate loan. Debt service went up significantly because of the alley loan and the police squad loan. Discussion on the self-imposed debt limit of 70%; it may need to be revisited to accomplish some of the larger projects planned. Some costs under clerk insurance were reallocated to street insurance. Police revenue increased to \$25,000. Police Pension is set by the state; the employer portion is going up to 11.2% in 2017. \$2,500 was budgeted in the WRS liability but since the \$3,000 budgeted under police health insurance is no longer an option, it was decided to move it to the WRS liability as well, making the WRS liability payment \$5,500. Part-time police officer hours were increased. Insurance costs are based upon the League proposal. Overall, the employee wages are increasing 2.5%. Election workers wages are increasing \$1.00 hour to offset the switch to paying them through payroll. The municipal court budget will be \$2,035; that covers an adjustment to paying the amount due at the beginning of the year, so it's actually 2 years for 2017; the budget will be adjusted by moving \$600 from the Miscellaneous Expenses account to the Municipal Court. Tabled.

- f. Set Public Hearing Date & Time – 2017 Budget: Set for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m.

m/s/c Schoen/Zillmer to adjourn. Time: 5:52 p.m.

Mary S. Rogers  
Clerk-Treasurer