

Finance Committee
May 16, 2011

The Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. with all members present, Chairperson Turner presiding.

Minutes – A motion was made by Ald. Schlotfeldt, seconded by Ald. Kist and carried to approve the minutes of the meeting from April 2011.

Claim – City Attorney Mary Schanning requested denial of a claim by Stefan Balasch, 763 S. 2nd Avenue, City tree fell on house and flag pole. A motion to deny the claim was made by Ald. Schlotfeldt and seconded by Ald. Kist. Ald. Hutchins read a letter from Stefan Balasch. Ald. Koehler made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting and Ald. Hutchins seconded. Craig Hoepfner from the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department spoke on behalf of Park & Forestry Superintendent Mike Jentsch. The motion to postpone this item failed 1-7 with Ald. Hutchins in favor of postponement. The motion to deny a claim by Stefan Balasch, 763 S. 2nd Avenue, City tree fell on house and flag pole, carried 6-2 with Ald. Hutchins and Ald. Koehler opposed.

Equipment – Chief Vest requested authorization to sell equipment at auction, Fire Department water rescue vehicle. A motion was made by Ald. Duquaine, seconded by Ald. Koehler and carried to authorize the sale of equipment at auction, Fire Department water rescue vehicle.

Technical Rescue Team – Chief Vest requested approval of the Fire Department Technical Rescue Team and all associated costs for certifications, equipment, materials and labor. There will be cost sharing between sewer utility, water utility and capital projects. A motion to accept the request was made by Ald. Kist and seconded by Ald. Anderson. Discussion took place regarding possible cost saving options. Ald. Koehler made a motion to postpone and leave the request open ended until Chief Vest has an opportunity to do more research and find other alternatives. Ald. Duquaine seconded, and the motion carried with Ald. Kist opposed.

A motion was made by Ald. Carter, seconded by Ald. Kist and carried 7-1 with Ald. Hutchins opposed to adjourn into closed session at 8:32 p.m. pursuant to Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) regarding the Public Works Director position, Water Utility Manager position, Sewer Utility Manager position and Vehicle Maintenance Manager position; and 19.85(1)(e) regarding potential public investment in an economic development prospect.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Reuteman
City Clerk