

MEETING MINUTES

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 4, 2006 - 6 p.m. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Romberg, Tate, Morack, Way, and Henke

Others present: O'Connell, Hager, Rousseau, Police Chief Wilkinson, Jane Ruckdashel, Bob Polaske, Brad Graham, and Police Officer Chris Gregory.

1. Chairman Romberg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Morack/Henke to adopt agenda as distributed. Carried 5-0.
2. Renewal of the contract with City Assessor, Greg Weisheipl was discussed. It was the opinion of some members that the contract should be submitted out to the public for proposals from qualified firms or individuals. Tate/Henke to recommend to City Council that they renew the contract with Greg Weisheipl for a three year term. Carried 3-2, Morack, Way.
3. The state is required to prove to the Federal Government that its local election jurisdictions are complying with the new election law called the "Help America Vote Act." The state intends to do this by having all 1,850 municipalities adopt a resolution to support this effort. The Committee will ask City Clerk Jim Villiesse to further explain this matter at the City Council meeting.
4. American Transmission Company has an offer to purchase City land at the Northeast New London Business Center to construct a new electric substation. The current offer has a closing date of January 31, 2006. Henke/Morack that in case the contract closing date needs to be extended, the City Administrator has the authority to do so. Carried 5-0.
5. The Police and Fire Commission asked the Committee to waive the provisions of the hiring freeze in order to hire one officer. After considerable discussion, Morack/Henke to approve the Police and Fire Commission request. Carried 5-0.
6. The Committee reviewed the budget report for the City.
7. The Committee reviewed the City Administrator economic development report and asked several questions.
8. The Committee reviewed the tentative agreement for a new two-year contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union. Tate/Morack to recommend to the City Council the approval of the AFSCME contract.

9. Tate/Morack to go into Closed session to discuss the City Attorney's memo regarding a pending claim against the City per 19.85(1)(g) of WI Stats. Carried 5-0. The claim was discussed. Way/Tate to return to open session. Carried 5-0.
10. Tate/Morack to not settle the legal matter discussed in closed session and have the City Attorney follow thru with defending the claim. Carried 5-0.
11. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting adjourned. Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kent Hager
City Administrator