



Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Matt Zacher, Chairperson
Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson
Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: July 11, 2023
Reported to Council: July 18, 2023

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at www.wr-cm.org or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Presentation by the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau on the state of tourism in Wisconsin Rapids

Meredith Kleker from the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau gave a presentation on the state of tourism in Wisconsin Rapids

3. Review bid results for the remodel project at Fire Station #2 and consider award to the low, qualified bidders. **It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve the following low, qualified bids as presented totaling \$85,000, which also includes asbestos abatement:**

- Electrical: Current Technologies for \$5,276**
- HVAC: Eagle Construction for \$9,350**
- Plumbing: Williams Plumbing & Heating for \$26,200**
- General Trade: Eagle Construction for \$28,890**
- Flooring/Wall Tile: Resch's Tile for \$7,600**
- Painting: AJ's Painting & Coatings for \$1,745**

and an additional \$10,000 in contingency funds as needed, requiring mayoral approval, for the remodel project at Fires Station #2. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Consider a request from China Palace LLC, D/B/A China Palace, Sem Salazar, agent, for Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for the premise located at 2113 8th Street South

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5. Consider a request from SBG Apple North IX, LLC, D/B/A Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Casimir Banaszek, agent, for Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for the premise located at 4311 8th Street South

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6. Request from the Community Development Department to apply for a 2024 Wood County Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to create a Downtown Development Master Plan and to utilize \$50,000 in Tax Increment District 7 for the project.

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7. Budget discussion

The budget was discussed. No action was taken on this item.

8. Audit of the bills

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approved check numbers 17334 to 17811. Motion carried, 3-0.

9. Set next meeting date

The next regular Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

10. In open session, the Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee went into closed session.

In closed session, the Committee may discuss negotiations and strategy and consider an offer regarding the sale of vacant City-owned land located at an unaddressed parcel southeast of Angle Drive between 6th Street South and 8th Street South, Parcel ID: 34-12985.

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11. The Committee may adjourn in closed session, or may return to open session

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to return to open session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee returned to open session.

12. If the Committee returns to open session, the Committee may take action regarding the sale of vacant City-owned land located at an unaddressed parcel southeast of Angle Drive between 6th Street South and 8th Street South, Parcel ID: 34-12985.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to accept an offer from Accredited Home Services, LLC for \$2,500 for the sale of vacant City-owned land located at an unaddressed parcel southeast of Angle Drive between 6th Street South and 8th Street South, Parcel ID: 34-12985. Motion carried, 3-0.

13. Adjournment.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk