



Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Jake Cattanach, Chairperson
Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson
Patrick Delaney

Date of Meeting: October 1, 2024
Reported to Council: October 15, 2024

The Finance and Property Committee met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the Council Chambers 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, except Alderperson Veneman, who was excused. Alderperson Polach attended in place of Alderperson Veneman.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Cattanach called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Consider a request from the Fire Department to approve the distribution of funds from the sale of old Fire Department equipment on the Wisconsin Surplus auction site to the Fire Department Equipment Maintenance Fund to offset the cost of replacement equipment

It was moved by Polach, seconded by Cattanach to approve the distribution of funds from the sale of old Fire Department equipment on the Wisconsin Surplus auction site to the Fire Department Equipment Maintenance Fund to offset the cost of replacement equipment. Motion carried, 2-1, with Alderperson Delaney voting in the negative.

3. Consider the renewal of the City's contract with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Delaney to approve the 2025 contract with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Consider for approval a request from ecoATM, LLC, Sean Flaherty, agent, located at 4331 8th Street South for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer License

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Polach to approve the request from ecoATM, LLC, Sean Flaherty, agent, located at 4331 8th Street South for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer license. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. Consider for approval the appointment of Jessica Kramer as successor agent for the Retail Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip 128, 1111 Lincoln Street

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Polach to approve the appointment of Jessica Kramer as successor agent for the Retail Class "A" fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for Kwik Trip, Inc. d/b/a Kwik Trip 128, 1111 Lincoln Street. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Audit of the bills.

The list of checks was not distributed in advance of the meeting. No action was taken.

7. 2025 Budget update

Mayor Zacher updated the Committee on the proposed Committee of the Whole meetings for the 2025 Budget. The plan is to have a Committee of the Whole meeting on the week of October 14th to discuss the overall budget and a Committee of the Whole meeting the week of October 21st to review and discuss the departmental budgets. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled to discuss process, policies and plans for the 2026 Budget. The public hearing on the 2024 budget will be tentatively scheduled for the week of November 11th. No action was taken.

8. Set next meeting date

The next regular meeting of the Finance and Property Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

9. 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" and Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., which reads "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."

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Polach 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.

- a. In closed session, the Committee will consider a Notice of Circumstances Giving Rise to Claim filed by Eagle Prairie, Inc. and CCC--Briarwoods. LLC, regarding a claim for an alleged excessive tax assessment for 2024.
- b. In closed session, the Committee will consider settlement and dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Eagle Prairie, Inc. and CCC--Briarwoods, LLC, regarding its tax assessment for 2023.

In closed session, the Committee considered a Notice of Circumstances Giving Rise to Claim filed by Eagle Prairie, Inc. and CCC-Briarwoods, LLC, regarding a claim for an alleged excessive tax assessment for 2024 and a settlement and dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Eagle Prairie, Inc. and CCC-Briarwoods, LLC, regarding its tax assessment for 2023.

10. The Committee will return to open session.

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

11. The Committee may consider and may take action on a claim contained in a Notice of Circumstances Giving Rise to Claim filed by Eagle Prairie, Inc. and CCC-Briarwoods. LLC, regarding an alleged excessive tax assessment for 2024.

No action was taken.

12. The Committee may consider and may take action on the settlement and dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Eagle Prairie, Inc. and CCC--Briarwoods, LLC, regarding its tax assessment for 2023.

No action was taken.

13. Adjourn

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Polach to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk