

**ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICAL ACTIONS OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, WALWORTH AND JEFFERSON  
COUNTIES, WISCONSIN**

October 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Council President Patrick Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Frawley, Stephanie Abbott, Jim Winship, Lynn Binnie, Patrick Singer, Sarah Bregant, Ken Kidd. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. LEGAL COUNSEL NOT PRESENT.

**TASK ORDER WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES FOR PLEASANT STREET STORM SEWER.** It was moved by Councilmember Abbot and seconded by Councilmember Bregant to approve task order with Strand Associates for Pleasant Street Storm Sewer Project. AYES: Frawley, Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Bregant, Kidd. NOES: None.

**INSTALLATION OF PLANTING BEDS AND SINGLE TREE PLANTING AREAS IN DOWNTOWN AREA.**

Streets, Parks and Forestry Superintendant Chuck Nass advised that the installation of planting beds and single tree planting areas have been discussed with the Downtown Whitewater Board. The plantings of beds and single tree plantings will make downtown Whitewater look nicer. Nass advised that the installation of planting beds and single tree planting areas have been presented to the Urban Forestry Commission, the Downtown Whitewater Board and the Parks and Recreation Board with the approval of each committee being unanimous. It was moved by Councilmember Binnie and seconded by Councilmember Winship to approve installation of planting beds and single tree planting areas in downtown. AYES: Frawley, Abbott, Winship, Binnie, Singer, Bregant, Kidd. NOES: None.

**2015 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:** Downtown Whitewater, Inc. representatives presented an overview of their shared goals with the City of Whitewater to provide an attractive, accessible, and safe downtown and thriving business sector that supports and sustains the community. They are asking for a sustainable level of support in the amount of \$37,500 that will let them increase the City's business recruitment efforts.

City Manager Clapper then presented the proposed 2015 Budget. Clapper stated that regarding the \$26,066 increase in general fund, there will not be a huge increase in taxes. The taxes will only go up a few cents for Walworth County and Jefferson County. With the \$26,066 increase, there will be an increase in the fund balance and there will be added financial security.

**LIBRARY SPECIAL FUND** -- Funding is reduced primarily because County funding will be reduced by \$29,708 in 2015. The Library Funding will be as follows: Library Books - \$24,300, Audio/Visual - \$3,000, and program supplies - \$3,000. There will be an additional cost of \$6,840 for an additional seasonal employee. In reference to Information technology, there will be a cost of \$8,000 for the purchase of an email archive and additional network storage.

**POLICE** -- Clapper advised that there will be a \$50,000 reduction based on the Communications Supervisor position being recognized under Communications/Dispatch category instead of

Administration. \$18,452 is budgeted for two patrol vacancies and anticipated health insurance rates, \$429,729 for investigation, \$50,000 for Communications Supervisor position and \$9,000 for UPS batteries.

**UTILITIES** -- \$23,733 is budgeted for a change in the Finance Director benefits, a Public Works administrative position and Human Resource coordinator position which will be evenly distributed throughout all utilities departments. For water utilities, \$8,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous general tax, \$10,000 for general plant maintenance, \$311,748 for capital improvement projects and \$43,087 for debt service. For wastewater utilities, the budget will need to be modified from 10% to approximately 30.5%. Staff will present rate study results for Council approval once completed in early 2015. For storm water utilities, there is an 11% increase in revenues which relates directly to debt service for planned improvements and \$663,090 is budgeted for expenditures for any improvements.

**FINANCE** – \$6,895 is budgeted for financial administration due to additional health insurance enrollment for 2015 and \$29,643 is budgeted for insurance/risk management for changes in state property insurance moving to experienced based model. The deductible was raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

**SPECIAL REVENUES/SINKING FUNDS** – \$375 in interest earnings for 27<sup>th</sup> Payroll Fund, \$7,835 anticipated revenue for parking permits fund, \$50,170 is budgeted for fire/rescue equipment fund for equipment, \$3,250 is budgeted for DPW equipment revolving fund for purchase of a mower and a 1 ton truck, \$2,160 is budgeted for building repair fund for repairs, \$1,000 is budgeted for Parkland acquisition fund, \$9,000 is budgeted for Parkland development fund, \$62,250 is budgeted for sick leave severance fund, \$80,250 is budgeted for street repair for capital improvements, \$340,333 is budgeted for capital projects-utility shared revenue fund and \$940 is budgeted for Birge fountain restoration fund.

**ADJOURNMENT.** It was moved by Councilmember Frawley and seconded by Councilmember Bregant to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Clerk