

CITY OF ELKHORN
Finance & Judicial Committee Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

June 11, 2018

The Finance and Judicial Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Alderman McClory, followed by roll call.

Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Scott McClory, Tom Myrin, Tim Shiroda

Also present: Mayor Howie Reynolds, City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Finance Director James Heilman, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Police Chief Joel Christensen, DPW Manager Matthew Lindstrom, City Attorney Ward Phillips

STH 67 Improvement Project: Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption continued discussion

Alderman McClory said he reviewed the last meeting's information. He said he has never seen data that says EVP's save lives. He also said other municipalities may not have the devices in their vehicles to utilize it. Police Chief Christensen said he would prefer it for motorist safety in addition to police department safety; with all the distractions it will help. Fire Chief Smith said he had concerns with the bridge as vehicles are unable to move aside to emergency vehicles and controlling the lights can keep vehicles off the bridge. Chief Christensen obtained a price for installation of emitter modules to vehicles; it is \$2,885 per vehicle. The EVP is included in the bid package at an alternate for O'Connor. DPW Manager Lindstrom said to add in the ramps it would need to be designed first and in his conversations with the DOT they would have time to do the designs at about \$5,000. Administrator Tapson suggested waiting until the bids come back and then discussing if the City wants them; the committee agreed.

Request from the Town of Delavan for funding pellet treatment program for Mound Road ponds and inlet

Mayor Reynolds said the town is paying most of the cost of the program. Several municipalities feed into the lake are all have contributed some funds. The town is also obtaining a grant and will be paying \$13,000 after receiving the grant and other contributions. ***Motion (Myrin/Shiroda) to give \$1,000 to the Town of Delavan for the pellet treatment program for Mound Road ponds and inlet. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.***

Insurance Renewal: 2018-19 Employee Group Health

Administrator Tapson said the City received proposals for group health renewal. While J.A. Hall-Sirius appears to be the best priced company, they do have lasers on two employees at \$75,000. Gerber Life, which is slightly higher priced (approximately \$5,000) is not requiring any lasers and is the best overall. Finance Director Heilman said the lack of lasers also make it easier to plan the insurances costs. ***Motion (Shiroda/Myrin) to go with Gerber Life for the group health insurance. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.***

Brownfields Site Closure: Consideration engage Ayers Associates to prepare and submit required WDNR Closure Documents

Administrator Tapson received a letter from the DNR saying the Getzen and Elkhorn Metal Finishers sites are ready to be closed, which is subject to a purchase with Duramax/Great Lakes Components. The cost to close is \$22,400 of which \$3,400 are DNR review fees. Administrator Tapson recommended going with Ayers Associates to prepare the closure documents as they already have all the paperwork and information on the sites. The agreement with Great Lakes says they will pay for ongoing testing and closure of the site. He recommended the city pay for the closure and have Great Lake reimburse the City for it. If they fail to pay, the City will own the land. ***Motion (Shiroda/Myrin) to engage Ayers Associates to prepare closure documents at a cost of \$22,400. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.***

Water Tower Access Road

DPW Manager Lindstrom said Paul VanHenkelum, on behalf of the Walworth County Fairgrounds, is requesting an easement and construction cost sharing of a roadway extension project between the new Elkhorn Area High School (EAHS) parking lot, off proposed Market Street, and the City's existing water tower within fairgrounds. The City currently has an existing Sanitary Sewer/Water Main Access Easement between the Market Street extension and the water tower. Historically, the City has always accessed the water tower off of E. Court Street through the fairgrounds due to existing wetlands and terrain along current said access easement. City staff attended a meeting with EAHS and Walworth County Fairgrounds. EAHS appeared supportive of the roadway extension project. Alderman McClory asked who controlled whom used the road as he had concerns it would be damaged by big rigs. DPW Manager Lindstrom said use of the road can be a condition in the easement. Administrator Tapson suggested an interagency agreement that specifies the types of vehicles that can use the road. City Attorney Phillips asked what weight the agreement should limit vehicles to. ***Motion (Shiroda/Myrin) to split cost of the road 50/50 with a cap of \$50,000 for the City's portion. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.***

Adjournment

Motion (Shiroda/Myrin) to adjourn at 5:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk