

Members Present: Petty, Thurow and Sloan

Absent: none

Others Present: Mayor Palm, C. Giese, E. Geick, A. Kleczek Bolin

Call to Order –Ald. Petty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to adopt the agenda and carried unanimously. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to approve the minutes of September 26, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable – Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to recommend to Council approval of the accounts payable for **\$669,206.89**. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary 2017 Budget – The Mayor explained that the wage budget was increased 1% and other expenditures 2%. A full time building inspector/code enforcement position is included since the current building inspector has announced his retirement. An increase for ambulance is included. The Mayor discussed other items: public works shed on City Services Center project, \$20,000 for a fire department study, ½ time Parks Forestry and 1 new police officer. There is no new debt for capital projects in the budget. There will be some short term debt for the Public Safety/Administration building. Today we received news that our transportation aids are about \$20,000 lower. The health insurance also needs to be discussed and a server has not been included in the budget and needs to be added. We also learned today that the City of Wisconsin Dells Finance Committee voted to leave as an Airport Owner, therefore that will affect our potential share of costs. Discussed whether we should leave. Reviewed health insurance options, discussed working toward reaching the 88% state recommended formula, making incremental steps in the next few years.

Taxi Grant Applications – Giese explained the taxi operating and capital grant applications for 2017 noting that we are asking for 1 vehicle and adding 2 hours per weekday without needing a local share. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to recommend submission of the taxi operating and capital assistance grant applications for 2017.

Weights & Measures Assessment – Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried to recommend the 2016 weights and measure assessments to Council for action.

Room Tax Agreement – Alene discussed the formula in the contract was listed incorrectly and it was moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried unanimously to recommend the correction to Council for action.

Fee Waivers – The Committee heard a request from Hungry for Some Supper Myself event to waive the \$150 fee. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried unanimously to waive the fees.

Alma Waite Requests for 2017 – The Committee discussed the \$1000 remaining in the Alma Waite Fund. The committee agreed to leave the \$1000 in the fund and made no changes to prior recommended appropriations.

Committee Comments: None.

Adjournment – Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cheryl Giese, Clerk-Finance Director