

Members Present: Petty, Sloan and Thurow

Absent: none

Others Present: C. Giese, E. Geick, M. Reitz, W. Petersen and others

Call to Order –Ald. Petty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan to adopt the agenda and carried unanimously. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable – Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow to recommend Council approval of the accounts payable for **\$673,848.38**. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 Budget – The Mayor explained that the 2016 budget has been prepared and preliminarily has a levy increase of less than 2%. New debt for capital projects is projected at \$2.5M, which is \$1M less than shown in the capital project plan from last year. The Mayor explained budget highlights including a new Economic Development program, 12 street reconstruction projects, 3 park bathroom projects, along with the usual equipment replacements. Ed explained wage adjustments were included for 1%, savings in health insurance costs, general budgets were allowed to increase 1%, 2% growth in equalized value, and public safety building design estimates. The Mayor suggested that questions be directed toward him in the next week so that the staff can prepare changes to be presented to the Council at the next meeting. No action taken.

Madalon Rail Spur -- Tom Pinion reported on the reconstruction of the rail spur which is currently being used by four manufacturers in Baraboo. Bids came in at \$1.66M, date of completion will be 12/31/16, funding from State is split 80/20, with TID 6 paying the local 20% contribution. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to recommend to Council for action.

Volkman Railroad Builders – Tom Pinion reported on the low bid received for the Madalon Industrial Park rail spur reconstruction in the amount of \$1.66M. Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried to recommend to Council for approval.

Assessor Selection – Ed Geick explained that the assessor services were bid for a three year term and three proposals were received. Tyler Technology was the highest rated responder and is recommended by the panel. Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to recommend contracting with Tyler Technologies.

Weights and Measures – Moved by Sloan, seconded by Thurow and carried to recommend to Council for approval.

Committee Comments: None.

Adjournment – Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan and carried to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Cheryl Giese, Clerk-Finance Director