

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
FINANCE, WAGE & SALARY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 2, 2011 – 5:00-6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mark Pelletier, Sherrie Belliveau, Tom Gleason, Joe Salzer and Alex Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Bill Bell, Ald. Bill Freudenberg, Mayor Richard Johns, Finance Director Julie Ostrander, Clerk/Treasurer Mary Richardson and Police Chief Mike Steffes.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Pelletier at 5:00 p.m. The media was notified, the agenda posted, and a quorum present to do business.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO APPROVE THE FINANCE, WAGE & SALARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011, AS AMENDED. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Discuss/Approve Billboard Lease with Northern Real Estate

MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE BILLBOARD LEASE WITH NORTHERN REAL ESTATE. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Ambulance Update

Terry reported that \$187,400.48 has been collected to date, which includes Medicare and insurance collections through December only; payment for the first quarter of 2011 will be received soon. Terry stated that the numbers are higher than projected because we've received more calls for service than anticipated.

Terry advised that Oneida County would like to handle transports to the jail. The Committee agreed that the City's ambulance service should be responsible for everything within the City limits.

Review Agenda Procedures

Joe Salzer raised a question at the last meeting regarding the language we use on agendas, for notice of executive sessions. Mary reported that she discussed this with the City Attorney, and he is comfortable with the wording we use.

Executive Session

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §19.85(1)(g), WIS. STATS., TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE RETAINING CITY ATTORNEY PHILIP PARKINSON TO REPRESENT THE CITY AGAINST CLAIMS FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature

Alex Young advised that it sounds like we will see a levy freeze for the next two or three years, instead of the levy limits we've had in the past. This will have an additional negative impact on our budget.

Approval of Bills and Claims

MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY YOUNG, TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,948.85. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTENTION (SALZER); MOTION CARRIED.

Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date

Future Agenda Requests: None.

The next meeting is set for Monday, June 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY YOUNG, TO ADJOURN THE MAY 2, 2011 FINANCE, WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:00 PM. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Approved By _____
Mark Pelletier, Chairman

Received By _____
City Clerk/Treasurer's Office

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