

**CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 21, 2009 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the finance committee was held Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021

Call to order/Roll call: Council President Mark Huber called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Mark Huber, Julie Arndtson, Clair Eaton, Marissa Holst and Peter Kelly. Eddy Wuorenma arrived at 6:10 p.m. Mayor Hunter was excused. City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Arndtson/Eaton motion to approve the minutes for October 7, 2009 passed without a negative voice vote.

Jayne Brand and Margaret Smith presented the budget for Freedom Park. The proposed budget is a zero percent increase. The Friends of Freedom Park have requested that they be allowed to use the \$2,535 in the 2009 budget that was designed for outdoor equipment for the care of the trees in the park. **Kelly/Arndtson motion to allow the Friends of Freedom Park use the \$2,535 allocated in the 2009 budget for outdoor equipment for the care of the trees in the park passed without a negative voice vote.** The Friends asked that tree care in the amount of \$2,500, fix the amphitheater crack for an amount of \$2,500 and \$2,000 for playground mulch be added to the 2010 wish list.

Judge Jim Shiely and Court Clerk Geri Rohl presented the 2010 municipal court budget. Judge Shiely stated that the court has had a 4.7% increase from 2006 to 2010. The court has been informed that there is a proposed increase of \$10 per ticket which would go directly to the court. Administrator Frueh stated that she would be more comfortable with revenues at \$54,763. Administrator Frueh stated that River Falls and Ellsworth are interested in talking about a consolidated municipal court. **Eaton/Arndtson motion to explore the combining of courts with River Falls and Ellsworth passed by a majority voice vote with Kelly voting nay.**

Library Director Jane Enright presented the 2010 library budget. The general property taxes for the maintenance of effort for the library for 2010 is \$158,512. Enright stated that they are looking at a possible change in hours and possible cut in staff hours. There was a question as to way there was an increase in the Library Director wages of 1.4%. Enright stated that she is the lowest paid department head and that her board is in favor of giving her the increase. Enright placed on the wish list the restoring of part-time hours, replacement of the outside doors and a coin operated copier.

The economic development budget was reviewed. The budget will be decreased by \$3,000 which was funding that was given to Pierce County Economic Development and Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

General property taxes in the amount of \$170,255 will be used toward TIF #5 and \$387,000 for general obligation debt. The storm water utility budget was reviewed. The proposed budget for half of 2010 will be \$42,900. The capital projects budget is proposed to use \$112,000 in general property taxes. The general government budget was reviewed. The proposed budget is reduced by 12.2% which is the transfer of the storm water budget to the utility. The wish list item for general government is the recodification of the ordinance book at the cost of \$17,000.

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand