

Minutes of the Finance Committee – November 29th 2011

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday November 29th 2011 at 5:450 PM in Conference Room #2 of City Hall. Chairperson Kathleen Hein called the meeting to order.

1. Call to order/Roll Call

ABSENT – Riebe ALSO PRESENT – Police Chief Chad Abram, Police Sergeant Kyle Teynor, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Co-Public Works Managers Terry Meyer and Larry Gates, Park and Rec Director Mike Ulrich, Fire Chief Harry Remz

2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda

MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 4-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the November 15th 2011 meetings

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 4-0

NOTE: Riebe arrived at 5:47 PM.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Proposed 2012 Budget

The City Administrator presented the latest version of the proposed 2012 budget. ACTION: To reconsider the November 9th motion reducing the wages of the Deputy Fire Chief MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames VOTE: 4-1 (Pintz opposed). Considerable discussion was held on the organizational structure of the Fire Department, as well as the role and job duties of the Deputy Fire Chief. Fire Chief Remz did state that a vote was held at the most previous business meeting to have the firefighters give up their performance bonuses to pay for the Deputy Fire Chief's additional salary, and the vote was 12-7 in favor. ACTION: To re-approve the November 9th motion and reduce the Deputy Fire Chief's pay in 2012 from \$5,425 to \$2,118, and restore funding for two lieutenant positions MOTION: Hein SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 3-1-1 (Munson opposed, Pintz abstained) (NOTE: These changes will have no impact on the 2012 budget, but will impact the 2013 budget.). More discussion was held on the overall 2012 budget. MOTION: To approve the 2012 budget, with a 1 percent increase in the tax levy (\$2,181,289 to \$2,203,102), increase the overtime budget for the Police Department from \$35,000 to \$45,000, replace four (4) sets of Fire Department turnout gear (\$10,000), set \$15,000 aside in a segregated fund to address the employee payout liability, and place any remaining funds in the Contingency Account ACTION: Riebe SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 5-0

5. ADJOURNMENT (6:55 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer