

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, WI. HELD AT
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 S. LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013**

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by Chairman Moralez, with the following members answering 'present' to roll call: Moralez, Schissel, Hollenbeck, Litkowiec, Bartoshevich and Comptroller Williamson. Dennis Broderick was absent and excused. Also in attendance: Mayor Hohenfeldt, Finance Director Schuknecht, Econ. Dev. Coor. Biernat, DPW Director Lange, DPW Supervisor Stern, Battalion Chief Bloor, Water Utility Super Miller, Jaci Duvall, Captain Kraker, Public Health Officer Whitmore, Library Director Roepke, Chief Inspector Zsebe and Deputy Clerk Toms-Neary..

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Proper open meeting statement was read.

New Business

1. Presentation of 2014 Executive Budget

A. Mayor/Finance Director

B. Department Heads

Mayor Hohenfeldt spoke regarding the budget process. He feels that the budget presented preserves citizens' services without any gimmicks or tricks. Finance Director Schuknecht reviewed the budget narrative as follows: A property tax increase of 1% would be an increase of \$74,421 or an increase in a home valued at \$150,000 of \$19.50. A property tax increase of .75% would be an increase of \$54,420 or an increase in a home valued at \$150,000 of \$12.00. The overall revenue was decreased by \$46, 245 and as of August, 2013, financial show revenue behind budgeted amount of \$44,950. He then broke down the increases and decreased in expenses by department and budgeting changes including health insurance decreasing by 3.36%. The 2014 budget includes postage being allocated by department; an increase in professional fees (labor negotiations) of \$3,500; a decrease in property liability insurance and worker compensation premiums of \$52, 788 and an increase in retiree health insurance of \$31,802. He reviewed protective costs; the addition of a ½ time position for the Health Department and the addition of funding for concrete and asphalt street patching as well as alley patching. He noted a disposal fee decrease of \$10,000.

2. Discussion and appropriate actions including budget amendments and requests for more information ensued at this time. Alderpersons Schissel and Hollenbeck questioned the impact of a two percent raise for non-represented employees and felt that based on the economy a wage increase nor a one percent increase to the budget is not appropriate. It was noted that taking out the salary increases would lower the increase to about .8%. Ald. Moralez stated that an explanation can be given to constituents regarding why the increase occurred and that it is necessary to sustain current services. Alderperson Moralez inquired what the impact would be to add \$16,000 to the levy to cover the Library shortage. Mayor Hohenfeldt said if we go to ¾% to the tax levy that means we would have to take \$20,001 out of general expenses. If we gave \$16,000 additional to the library we would have to take \$36,001 off the back of general operations. Further discussion ensued.

MOTION BY ALD. BARTOSHEVICH, SECOND BY ALD. HOLLENBECK to recess at 7:00 P.M.
Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:25 P.M.

Finance Director Schuknecht brought back information on what the budget would look like at 1.5%, 1.203% and 1% increase which includes funding the Library's \$16,164 shortfall.

Motion by Ald. Bartoshevich, seconded by Ald. Litkowiec to approve budget with 1% increase.
Aldersperson Litkowiec rescinded his second and Aldersperson Bartoshevich rescinded his motion.

MOTION BY ALD. MORALEZ, SECOND BY ALD. BARTOSHEVICH to approve budget with 1.2% increase to include the Library shortfall of \$16,164. On the roll call vote, Alderspersons Moralez, Litkowiec and Bartoshevich voted "aye". Alderspersons Schissel and Hollenbeck voted "nay". Motion carried.

3. Discussion and appropriate actions regarding Department of Economic Development budget. Brian Biernat presented his plans for fund 405 and for the part time position. **MOTION BY ALD. LITKOWIEC, SECOND BY ALD. HOLLENBECK** to approve the Department of Economic Development 405 budget. On the roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
4. **ADJOURN: MOTION BY ALD. BARTOSHEVICH, SECOND BY ALD. LITKOWIEC** to adjourn at 7:47 P.M.

Ald. Moralez, Committee Chairperson