

Minutes
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
City Hall, Room 207
Immediately following Personnel which begins at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS: Alders Amy Kocha, Tom De Wane, Andy Nicholson, and Tom Sladek

OTHERS PRESENT: Ald. Joe Moore, Dawn Foeller, Diana Ellenbecker, Rick Jensen, Tony Wachewicz, and others.

1. Roll Call. All were present.
2. Approval of the Agenda.

A motion to approve made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha, and carried to approve.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of April 9, 2013.

A motion to approve made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha, and carried to approve.

4. Request by the Finance Director to transfer \$1,215,448 to the sick pay escrow fund to cover the costs of unanticipated 2012 retirements.

Finance Director Foeller provided information relating to anticipated retirements that was received from department heads that ranged from \$644,000 to \$730,000 for the 2012 budget. The City budgeted \$600,000 for escrows to cover the estimated retirements. The total escrow amount for 2012 was \$1,815,448 or \$1,215,448 more than budgeted.

Direct Foeller went on to say for 2013 when using the years of service and eligibility for retirements in 2013, the potential maximum exposure the City has is approximately \$2.5 million dollars. However, in comparing this information with the Wisconsin Retirement System 2006 – 2008 Experience Study actuarial table, the maximum exposure doesn't reflect the typical retirement experience. Under the actuarial table the City's predicted escrow liability would be \$850,000. This study is the most current information available and has been used previously by an outside consultant for the calculation the City's other post-employment benefit value. The City budgeted \$700,000 for escrows in 2013.

Finance Director Foeller proposes that a projection be made in a similar fashion prior to the 2014 budget being prepared and brought before the committee.

Ald. Tom Sladek would like more discussion for the current year budget regarding retirements in the month of May and his concern in trying to avoid a possible "budget gap" would be the point of that discussion.

A motion to approve the transfer \$1,215,449 to sick pay escrow fund to cover the costs of unanticipated 2012 retirements and to bring back to the May 28 finance committee an estimate of 2013 retirements by Ald. Tom Sladek, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson, and carried to approve.

5. Request by the Mayor to approve the 2013 borrowing request for capital improvements in the amount of \$13,495,000.

Finance Director Foeller included detail of the entire borrowing request in the packet to the Alderpersons. This listing is a consolidation of Parks and DPW capital improvement plans that were previously presented to their respective committees and approved by the Common Council. Other items included in this request are the replacement of two ambulances and one engine for the fire department, a refinancing of debt that is outstanding with the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewage District, saving the City over \$300,000, a request to fund a portion of the final construction phase of the CityDeck, an amount to cover the final cost of litigation for Younkers / Boston Store, Planning request for money to convert multi-family to single family homes and money for City Hall capital improvements.

Discussion ensued relating to finalization to cover the cost of litigation for Younkers and Boston Store. A certain amount of money was set aside for the litigation; however, the amount fell short by \$850,000. The \$850,000 was financed internally, however now that the case has been settled, the final is the net difference of what was actually spent and received by the settlement. The litigation case was segregated and was not part of the City's overall budget due to this cost being an extraordinary item.

A motion to hold the request to approve the 2013 borrowing request until next meeting and to have department heads present to discuss the projects that are included in the bonding issue was made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Tom Sladek, and carried to approve.

6. Report of the Claims Committee:

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1) (e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business as necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

A motion to approve made by Ald. Amy Kocha, seconded by Ald. Tom Sladek, and carried to approve.

7. Report of the Purchasing Agent:

- a. Request to approve the recommendation of the evaluation committee to award a three year contract for Animal Impound Services to Packerland Veterinary Center for \$432,000.

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

A motion to open the floor for interested parties to speak was made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha, and carried to approve.

Taylor Wiliquet, 2033 Hilltop Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313, who is currently employed at Packerland Veterinary Center since October of 2011 and was a former employee of the Bay Area Humane Society for an eight month period came forward to speak. Having been employed at both facilities she feels to have first-hand knowledge of the quality of care being provided for the animals.

A very short-time after beginning employment at the Bay Area Humane Society, Ms. Wiliquet began to question some incidents that were occurring, including the treatment of the Humane Officer, Sharon Hansen. She was told that the overnight drop-off kennel door was to be locked at all times so the Humane Officer would not have access to "behind-the-scenes" at the facility.

One other incident, in particular, has haunted Ms. Wiliquet regarding two puppies that were found in a snow bank and brought in to the facility. The puppies were brought to the Humane Society to be treated. There was a veterinarian and veterinarian technician that were on staff with Ms. Wiliquet. The puppies were warmed by using hot water bottles. She was instructed to tend to the puppies every hour and to offer small amounts of food and water. Around the dinner hour, one of the puppies was lying on its side and began vomiting. Ms. Wiliquet brought the puppy into the treatment area but the veterinarian and veterinarian technician had left for the day. The supervisor, intake personal, and another kennel staff attendant all were in the room to help her and stated that they would have the director make the decision of what to do. The director was called and asked the staff if the puppy was able to stand on his own. The staff member stated he was not able too. She was then told that if the puppy was not able to stand on his own and quit vomiting in the next two minutes that she was to "pull" him. In other words, euthanize the

puppy. Ms Wiliquet then stated that at Packerland Veterinary Center they would have tested him and treated him before the euthanizing would have occurred.

Renee O., who currently resides in Shawano, Wisconsin, has worked with Packerland Veterinary Center for the past six years. She started the Shawano shelter back in the mid 1980's and worked as a director for about 11 to 12 years at their local shelter. Renee worked at Bay Area for five years with the last six months being interim director of operations. She wanted to speak to the point that a shelter can function without a City contract. With the space freed up, it would allow the shelter more room to hold other contracts and to be able to get animals from out-of-state and allow a longer hold time for its current animals. The shelter would be able to absorb the cost of vaccinations, de-worming, and intake fees, and other shelters are welcome to come and take some of the animals for placement.

Betty Anderson, 1205 Lost Dauphin Road, De Pere, Wisconsin, has been actively advocating for animals since 1957. Ms. Anderson helped found the Humane Society in 1957 and was on the board up until the 1990's. She also helped establish the Shawano Shelter with Renee O. and was on the board for the Door County Shelter and the Oconto Shelter. Ms. Anderson also helped start up the Keshena Animal Help and Rescue where she currently resides on their board. In 1980, Ms. Anderson started a program at BAHS for lost dogs and cats since she was very aware of how many animals that were not being matched with their owners.

Since leaving BAHS, Ms. Anderson has received many phone calls over the years due to her being a known animal advocate. Two years ago, she received a call from a past employee of BAHS who stated she had just finished working at the Bay Area Humane Society and had seen things that were disturbing. Ms. Anderson had heard of similar incidents and had approached the BAHS Board of Directors but was not able to have any changes implemented. Even still, Ms. Anderson agreed to meet with the employee. At the meeting, not only was that employee present but so were thirteen other past employees from BAHS who had either quit or been fired. The stories that were relayed upset Ms. Anderson. She requested that they put their stories in writing and made them aware of the legalities of their statements. Ms. Anderson shared a few of those stories with the committee. Ms. Anderson stated that if the City of Green Bay would like their strays to be reunited with their homes that they should work with Packerland Veterinary Center.

Steve Heaven, executive director of the Bay Area Humane Society, 1830 Radisson Street, came forward to address the letters that were received by Ms. Anderson. Mr. Heaven stated that the letters are three to four years old and are considered ancient history. The problems described in the letters have been corrected and do not exist anymore. The people that were involved have been terminated, hence the backlash.

The return to owner rate has continued to increase over the past four years, along with the increase in adoption rate, the return rate was 47 percent in 2009 and is currently 88 percent. Bay Area continues to reduce euthanasia.

Sara Gordan, 3603 Evergreen, Green Bay, 54313, is an employee of Packerland Veterinary Center for the past 8 ½ years. Ms. Gordan stated that the contract in question is about the stray animals and relayed a situation that occurred in the last two months. A client of Packerland called them one Monday morning to inform them that his dog was missing. He had called the Bay Area Humane Society twice and was told that they did not have his dog. The receptionist from Packerland asked the gentleman if he physically went to the Bay Area Humane Society to look and he had not. The client went there and found that his dog had been there for two days with its tags on and he had not been notified. The dog was on medications for seizures.

Ms. Gordon commented that Bay Area Humane Society either does not have the staff or the ability to match lost pets with their owners. Packerland Veterinary Center is there for the pets, 100 percent.

Steve Heaven responded to Ms. Gordon's statement stating that her comment represents naivety. Mr. Heaven has been involved in four different states working with animal control and it is a common practice among other states to have the pet owner come down to the facility on a regular basis to look for their lost pet. Bay Area Humane Society handles approximately 5,000 animals a year and is questioning how many Packerland Veterinary Center can handle at one time. Currently, they have 59 stray cats and 18 stray dogs, and wondering if they could fit them into their facility.

Ald. Tom Sladek questioned their process of when a pet is admitted into their facility. Mr. Heaven stated that a pet is photographed within minutes of arrival and then uploaded on to their website, so when people call BAHS, staff directs the caller to their website. In regards to the earlier statement made by Ms. Gordon, there was a glitch in the system for that one instance.

Ald. Amy Kocha questioned if they have any overcrowding issues. Mr. Heaven stated that they do not have any current issues, especially with dogs. Cats are still an issue. Foster homes are currently being used for surrendered animals in order to be able to hold them for a little while longer to avoid the necessity of euthanizing. Overcrowding can cause stress and spread of disease. Ald. Amy Kocha asked if there is any history of overcrowding and Mr. Heaven responded by stating that over the years it has gotten less and less and now the Bay Area Humane Society manages it. One never knows how many animals are going to be taken in over a day and the population of animals is being managed. Ald. Amy Kocha inquired if any animals are ever rejected. Mr. Heaven stated that no animals are ever rejected and their process is that they ask people who want to surrender their pet if they can hang on to it for a few more days so they can accommodate the space or to possibly make other arrangements for housing the pet. Ald. Amy Kocha commented that there are space issues then and that there must not be adequate space for holding the animals. Mr. Heaven responded by stating that there is no shelter in the world that has that capability.

Betty Anderson stepped forward again to state that the letters that were written regarding Bay Area Humane Society are dated 2011, which means that they are not 3-4 years old. Another item to be mentioned is the refusal of dogs at the door of the facility. Ms. Anderson is questioning that if animals are not being turned away then why the intake of dogs decreased from 6,500 to 4,500 has. This is a number that has always steadily increased and why are all of the other shelter's numbers increasing. All other shelters have a spay or neutering program and has had them in place longer than the City of Green Bay.

Steve Heaven responded to Ms. Anderson by saying that she is completely wrong. The pet population in this country is going down. When he began in this field over twenty years ago over 20 million animals were euthanized in a year and now it is down to 4 or 5 million. In Appleton, their pet population is going down every year and suggested to look at their web page.

Renee commented that Packerland Veterinary Center bid on this contract and they received a pretty high score and asked that we trust in the committee that went through all of the motions to make a decision. Packerland Veterinary Center went through all of the scenarios and feel that they are completely capable of handling the situations. It would save the City of Green Bay money in the long term.

A motion to return to regular order made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha, and carried to approve.

Ald. Joe Moore stated that the Bay Area Humane Society is in his district so he has received many phone calls and emails regarding this matter. Within his district it is ten-to-one in favor of Bay Area Humane Society keeping their contract. Reasons for the favor include the following items. The Bay Area Humane Society is located near the Wildlife Sanctuary which helps to attract people from out of the area to go look at the animals. City of Green Bay has a high desire for animals with not enough animals to place. Bay Area has connections and alliances to be able to provide animals that are being sought after. The shelter also has the ability to take in exotic pets and animals.

Ald. Joe Moore is impressed with the amount of support for the Packerland Veterinary Center and is frustrated that nobody is present to step forward to support the Bay Area Humane Society after receiving so many phone calls and emails.

Ald. Joe Moore had questioned what would happen to the animals after seven days. Ald. Tom Sladek did a lot of leg work and discussed it with Ald. Moore and he is comfortable with what occurs except for the animals that are shipped out of the City of Green Bay since we do have such a high demand for animals.

Another issue to be discussed is that the Bay Area Humane Society is a non-for-profit organization which may allow them to offer different things that Packerland Veterinary Center may not be able to do. If a stray is picked up and the owner cannot afford to retrieve their pet, the Bay Area Humane Society can offer a free spay or neuter which, if accepted by the pet owner, it will allow them to have their pet returned with no expense to the owner. Due to their only being a \$500 per month difference between Bay Area Humane Society and Packerland Veterinary Center Ald. Joe Moore is standing in favor of the Bay Area Humane Society keeping the contract.

Ald. Tom De Wane questioned the \$500 monthly difference and what happened to the original proposal from the Bay Area Humane Society. The director and the board committee from the Bay Area Humane Society told Ald. Tom De Wane that they came to Green Bay and they were refused. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated that when Attn. Kail Decker was working with the informal agreement that we had with Bay Area Humane Society it was stated that Bay Area would no longer be able to provide their services for \$110,000 a year. Before the purchasing department got involved the Bay Area Humane Society submitted a much higher rate and Attn. Kail Decker stated that it was unacceptable. The last proposal that was received by the attorney's office was for \$155 per animal, which is a rate that is charged to other municipalities. For the number of animals that are brought in by the control officers, the City would have been paying \$200,000 per year.

In December 2012, a RFP process was began by the City's purchasing department. There were four vendors who submitted a proposal along with their initial pricing structure. The evaluation team reviewed each of the proposals and toured each of the facilities. The team narrowed the selection down to two vendors, BAHS and Packerland which they brought in to interview individually. Upon completion of those interviews, both vendors were asked to submit their best and final offer. Packerland submitted a best and final offer whereas when Bay Area Humane Society was contacted to have that same opportunity, they declined to do so and their offer remained at \$155,000 a year. The Bay Area Humane Society was then informed that the final offer was going to be used in our scoring analysis and was told that it was fine.

Ald. Tom De Wane asked for the names of the individuals on the Evaluation Committee. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen listed the members as Captain Muraski, Animal Control Officer, Sharon Hansen, and Ben Nelson who is the assistant director of the Wildlife Sanctuary. Ald. Tom De Wane asked if there was an awareness of the problems between Ms. Hansen and the current and prior directors of the Bay Area Humane Society. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen was aware that there were differences of opinion and that is why others were sought out to be a part of the evaluation team. An individual who resided outside of Green Bay was recruited, but then withdrew after receiving a call from Mr. Heaven.

Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated that the pricing was only 40 percent of the evaluation scoring system. Had Bay Area Humane Society been lower than Packerland Veterinary Center, Packerland would have still been recommended due to other areas that were rated. Scoring was based on objective criteria, not subject or personal feelings.

Ald. Tom De Wane agrees with Ald. Joe Moore. He has had personal dealings with the Bay Area Humane Society and has never heard any negative statements towards Bay Area Humane Society. He does not have any negativity towards Packerland Veterinary Center either.

Ald. Tom Sladek disagrees with Ald. Tom De Wane and the calls that have been received have been balanced. The RFP process was done with the correct protocol and Packerland Veterinary Center was assessed to be the stronger of the candidates.

A motion to approve the contract with Packerland Veterinary Center made by Ald. Tom Sladek, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha, under discussion.

Ald. Andy Nicholson inquired Finance Director Foeller regarding Happily Ever After due to being the lowest bidder. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen explained that Happily Ever After does not have a significant presence in Green Bay. The primary facility is located in Marion, Wisconsin. They do have a small adoption facility in Green Bay and did offer to partner with the City of Green Bay should they be awarded the contract, but then they would have to lease a building for the volume and were not prepared in the short term to meet the City's needs. Happily Ever After did agree to work with Packerland Veterinary Center to support their efforts.

A motion to open the floor for interested parties made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Tom Sladek, and carried to approve.

Ald. Andy Nicholson asked Happily Ever After if they felt they were capable of handling the City of Green Bay. Amanda Riets with Happily Ever After replied that the current facility is not able to hold the capacity of 1,800 stray animals, but are willing to do what is needed. A building would need to be leased and it would take a couple of months; however, when the adoption facility was decided to be opened in Green Bay it took three months. Happily Ever After is willing to assist Packerland Veterinary Center with any adoptions and are a no-kill facility.

Ms. Riets stated that Packerland Veterinary Center would control the seven day hold for pets and Happily Ever After would then be taking care of the adoptions. Packerland Veterinary Center is also in partnership with several other facilities to assist in adoptions to help back-up Happily Ever After.

Ald. Andy Nicholson questioned how much time would be needed to make the transition if Happily Ever After would be awarded the contract. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated that the contract is expired and Bay Area Humane Society is currently working with the City in an on-going basis until we work through this process. Our intention is to enter into a new contract as soon as possible.

Ald. Amy Kocha asked Amanda Riets if she believed Happily Ever After is better suited for the overflow vendor for Packerland Veterinary Center as opposed to being the primary contractual vendor with the City. Ms. Riets stated that it would be okay if Packerland took care of all the medical care. It would be one less thing for Happily Ever After to be responsible for, but what it comes down to is what is in the best interest for the animals and they will do whatever is needed to make it happen. Happily Ever After's primary goal is to see the Green Bay area become a no-kill community.

Steve Heaven addressed the issue that everyone must work together. The phone call placed to the individual that was initially on the evaluation team for the RFP was to ask for a reference and nothing more. The animal welfare business is much more complicated than any of the other centers make out with no-kill, open admission shelters. Mr. Heaven is asking that everyone starts comparing apples to apples, not apples to oranges, because it is making it more difficult to make an educated decision.

Mr. Heaven was asked to clarify his last statement. The Bay Area Humane Society is considered an admission shelter and according to some people in the room they kill most of them. If the figures are looked at, they have gone from a 47 percent live release rate to an 88 percent live release rate which is very close to a no-kill in this community. Last year 3,700 animals were adopted out and he believes Happily Ever After adopted out 126 animals. The math dictates that Happily Ever After cannot take in 1,800 a year, adopting out 126 animals a year without building a new shelter every year. These are facts that must be taken in when considering a decision. All of the facilities must work together they cannot work as separate entities.

Shawn, owner of Packerland Veterinary Center, came forward to bring the focus back on the animals. Packerland Veterinary Center turned in a proposal to provide a service for seven days when medical attention is most needed and they believe they can provide superior service due to the amount of veterinary doctors on staff and their hours of operation. Contact has been made by multiple facilities to help Packerland Veterinary Center when it comes to taking the animals after the seven day hold to help the animals become adopted.

Amanda Riets addressed the issue that this is not about organization versus organization. Happily Ever After realizes that everyone in the animal welfare community needs to work together. Currently, there is a lot of collaboration within the community and whether to join the collaboration is each facilities choice.

Last year Happily Ever After adopted 237 cats and dogs. The lower number of adoptions is due to the fact that they take in the animals that normal shelters would euthanize. They have medical issues that get addressed and make it harder for them to be adopted. Some of the animals are in their shelter up to four years.

A motion to return to regular order made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha, and carried to approve.

Ald. Andy Nicholson asked Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen if the RFP was granted to Happily Ever After, what would the savings be compared to Packerland Veterinary Center. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated that it would be about \$51,000 over three years. Ald. Andy Nicholson inquired as to whether the City could extend its contract with the BAHS in order to give Happily Ever After the time lease additional space to house the volume of animals.

Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated that this option was not considered. According to the RFP, Happily Ever After was not qualified to meet the needs for the City of Green Bay.

Ald. Andy Nicholson asked if it would be a possibility since Happily Ever After states that they would be able to meet the needs for the City of Green Bay. Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated yes. Ald. Andy

Nicholson then asked Amanda Riets if they would consider the contract, it was stated that Ms. Riets would have to check with the board and have it approved.

Ald. Andy Nicholson asked Ald. Tom Sladek if he would be favorable to add an amendment to the motion that he had brought forward in order to look into Happily Ever After, extend the contract for three months and award it to Happily Ever After in order to have a savings of \$51,000.

Ald. Tom Sladek expressed his concern in regards to looking at the evaluation, the facility was only one category and when looking at the other scores in the other categories; for example, experience and qualifications, Ald. Tom Sladek is not sure that this is something that can change or be remedied in three months. Reports and records were another low scoring area and we would be bidding on a company that would need to improve in these areas. Ald. Tom Sladek would not be amendable to an amendment.

Ald. Andy Nicholson asked Captain Muraski on how Happily Ever After was scored. Captain Muraski stated that they looked at experience in the care factors regarding medical care, size of facility, and the amount of staff. Captain Muraski was not aware that if Happily Ever After was awarded the contract that Packerland Veterinary Center would still be offering the medical care and services as a partnership with Happily Ever After.

Ald. Tom De Wane questioned Captain Muraski how a facility would get a perfect score when there has not been any previous history in the category and how does a facility get a low score in regards to records. Captain Muraski stated that Happily Ever After only has a paper-based filing system where other facilities are computerized. It is not that they couldn't provide the records, but other facilities would be more efficient in doing so.

Ald. Amy Kocha expressed concern towards Attn. Kail Decker in the objectivity of the entire process. The understanding was that there was an email received on October 23 from Bay Area Humane Society stating that services for Green Bay were going to be taken out of the 2013 budget, which is what embarked the search for this particular service. Negotiations between the City of Green Bay and the Bay Area Humane Society go back approximately two years in which offers were exchanged but the numbers were so far apart that Attn. Kail Decker did not feel we would be able to agree on a contract.

Ald. Amy Kocha stated that it seems appropriate that Packerland Veterinary Center would receive the contract over Happily Ever After in order for the animals to receive the medical attention from day one since they both agree to partner on their services. Ald. Amy Kocha believes that it is important to try and keep objectivity in the process of awarding this type of contract due to the emotional factor and is concerned that the process is not being respected tonight.

Ald. Amy Kocha supports awarding the contract to Packerland Veterinary Center due to the fact that they have a great plan in terms of contracting services with other facilities and strongly encourage Bay Area Humane Society to partner with them and work together in the community.

Ald. Tom De Wane asked Captain Muraski if all questions were based on qualifications in each section of the evaluation process. Captain Muraski replied that the scoring in the records section was based on the overall capacity within the category. The City of Green Bay has had no real online access to Bay Area Humane Society.

A motion to award the contract to Packerland Veterinary Center made by Ald. Tom Sladek, seconded by Ald. Amy Kocha and failed on a two / two vote.

A motion to award the contract to Happily Ever After with a three month extension to Bay Area Humane Society made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded for discussion by Ald. Tom De Wane.

Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated no one was eliminated from the bid process and everyone was invited to bid.

Ald. Tom DeWane commented that Happily Ever After is listed in the evaluation, but should not be because it is saying that they would not be qualified to honor the contract.

Ald. Tom Sladek respects Ald. Andy Nicholson in regards to awarding the contract to Happily Ever After due to the amount of money that could be saved, but when conducting business in a commercially

appropriate way with a RFP, one receives the bid, does evaluations, interview the parties, and scores them for what they are and have, not speculating on what they are going to become.

Motion resumes to the second made by Ald. Tom De Wane, and motion failed 3:1. Ald. Andy Nicholson voted aye and Ald. Tom De Wane, Ald. Tom Sladek, and Ald. Amy Kocha voted nay.

A motion to have a one-year continuation with the Bay Area Humane Society made by Ald. Tom De Wane.

Purchasing Agent Rick Jensen stated that we currently do not have a contract with Bay Area Humane Society. The City of Green Bay is being charged the rate of \$110,000 per year, about \$9,200 per month and there is not any commitment that the Bay Area Humane Society would continue with that rate.

This item is being forwarded on to Common Council with no recommendation.

8. Report of the Finance Director.

Finance Director Foeller commented that President Obama has included in his budget the elimination or sever limitation on the issuance of tax-exempt debt by state and local governments. What this means for the City is the cost of borrowing money could increase if this remains in the Federal budget.

The Wisconsin's Joint Finance Committee will start taking up the deliberation of budget this coming Thursday. The League of Municipalities weekly "Capital Buzz" e-letter was forwarded to each alderperson in order to stay abreast on various topics taken up at the state level that effect local governments. The largest issue in the state budget that impacts the City is the further limitations placed on local governments through levy limits and the abolishment of residency.

A motion to receive and place on file made by Ald. Tom De Wane, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson, and carried to approve.

A motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. made by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Tom Sladek, and carried to approve.

2013 Contingency Fund \$92,000

- 1) **THIS MEETING IS AUDIO TAPED:** THE AUDIO OF THIS MEETING & MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT WWW.CI.GREEN-BAY.WI.US.
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- 3). **QUORUM:** Please take notice that it is possible that additional members of the Council may attend this committee meeting resulting in a majority or quorum of the Common Council. This may constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4). **REPRESENTATION:** The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.