

**MINUTES**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**  
**City Hall, Room 207**  
**5:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS: Alders Tom De Wane, Andy Nicholson, Tom Sladek and Guy Zima

OTHERS PRESENT: Ald. Wery, Ald. Steuer, Ald. Nennig, Ald. Scannel, Diana Ellenbecker, Lynn Boland, Fire Chief Litton, Attorney Jim Mueller, Rick Jensen, Russ Schwandt, Police Chief Lewis, Steve Grenier, Dawne Cramer, Kim Flom and others.

1. Roll Call. All present, except for Ald. Tom De Wane who was excused.
2. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion to approve made by Ald. Nicholson; seconded by Ald. Sladek.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of July 15, 2015.

Motion to approve made by Ald. Sladek; seconded by Ald. Nicholson.

4. Request by Ald. Guy Zima, on behalf of Sister Pauline Quinn, to declare the property at 1230 Tenth Avenue, The Hermitage, as tax exempt.

Ald. Zima spoke about his visit with Sister Pauline Quinn wherein he learned more of her good works which included years of working with people that were very critically injured; missing limbs and severely burned. Ald. Zima spoke of her total dedication and charity working with others throughout her entire life. She has traveled the world spreading her works of charity. She has taken residence in the City of Green Bay early this year, but purchased her home after the Board of Review had taken place and the books are closed; any appeals go into the following year. Ald. Zima and Sister Pauline Quinn are here today to request the property be declared tax exempt and further request that all accrued taxes for this year be assumed by the City of Green Bay. She lives solely on SSI income and most monies go toward her good works. She is concerned about the tax debt.

Sister Pauline Quinn was present and took the floor stating she is not accustomed to asking for things for herself and found this difficult. However, she had the understanding that her property she is living in was already in tax exempt status.

Ald. Zima makes a request that any tax liability for 2015 be written off, using contingency funds; the approximate amount is \$1,200.00 and that it would be declared tax exempt beginning in 2016.

Assessor Russ Schwandt was present and stated there are no issues with it being declared tax exempt beginning in 2016.

Ald. Sladek questioned if there was any way the City of Green Bay would only assume the city portion of the taxes and not the other taxes included on the tax bill. However, Diana Ellenbecker answered that would not be possible; the entire tax bill would need to be assumed.

Motion made by Ald. Sladek that all tax liability for 1230 Tenth Avenue be assumed by the City of Green Bay, not to exceed \$1,250.00, for year 2015 and be declared tax exempt in accordance with State Statute 70.11(4) as of 1/1/16; seconded by Ald. Nicholson.

5. Request by Ald. Chris Wery that all monthly Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council's meetings have an audio recording of the proceedings for full transparency and a resource for those unable to attend.

There was brief discussion on this issue by Ald. Wery and Ald. Zima as to what occurs in the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council meetings and how they are conducted; therefore the need for audio recording of the proceedings for accountability purposes and a record made for future reference. Ald. Zima stated the purpose of the Green Bay Neighborhood Council was to help build neighborhoods and not get involved with politics.

Ald. Sladek questioned Kim Flom if she had any issues complying with this.

Kim Flom was present and addressed the committee wherein she stated she does not have any issue with this request and stated there will be a recorder brought into the next meeting which will be held on Thursday, 8/6. She also stated they are working with the IT Department in order to video record these meetings, as well.

Ald. Sladek stated that given the statement from Kim Flom, there does not appear to be any resistance to this request and seems to be pretty easily executed.

Motion made by Ald. Sladek to have the proceedings of the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council meetings recorded; seconded by Ald. Nicholson.

6. Request by Personnel Committee to review finances, report and recommendation, with possible action, on a program for a Gang Task Force, along with the resources necessary for that program.

Ald. Zima spoke of the presentation that was given a few meetings back on this issue and made reference to the packet of information presented today. Ald. Zima highlighted the importance of the safety of our Green Bay neighborhoods; he stated there is a growing concern of gang activity. Ald. Zima fully supports whatever it may take to make our city more safe. He further states this committee is devoted to having a safe city and wants to contribute an adequate amount of money to obtain positive results. Ald. Zima states his opinion is that the more manpower the better. He encouraged the GBPD ask for the appropriate manpower needed to achieve positive results in this area. Ald. Zima addressed Chief Lewis and the article that was in the Green Bay Press Gazette wherein Chief Lewis may have sent out the message that we didn't need more help and could be maintained with the existing police force. Again, Ald. Zima stated that considering the money spent in all other areas of the city, the citizens of Green Bay would not contest spending money toward the safety of our city and encouraged the request for added manpower to obtain adequate coverage, presence of police force and enforcement.

Lt. Ben Allen addressed the committee and stated that he hears the concerns of the committee and they will be helpful in determining additional force needed in this area. Gang involvement and activity is a growing concern and will continue to be on the rise as will the awareness and provision of added force. Lt. Allen stated that at this time, however, the current force in place is providing adequate coverage.

Ald. Nicholson stated he will take the recommendation of the GBPD; as they know what is happening out there. If it is determined that adequate coverage is there; then it is there. If it is determined there is more coverage needed; then they would need to request it.

Ald. Sladek stated this is really a budget discussion item. He further stated that due consideration should be given to the amount of staff needed in this area and should be requested by the new leadership. The new department leadership should take time to determine what is needed and where, as needed enforcement could be broader than just the area of gang task force.

Ald. Nicholson requested that Lt. Allen brief Chief Lewis on the hot issues of gang activity in the City of Green Bay for the last two years that included the shootings, the arson of an apartment building, drugs, etc. so that he be fully informed as to what gang activity is occurring in our area.

Motion made by Ald. Nicholson to approve the hire of four (4) Gang Task Force specialists in the GBPD and to refer to budget discussions for final decision; seconded by Ald. Zima.

Vote taken. Result two in favor; with Ald. Sladek not in favor; motion carried.

7. Request by Fire Chief David Litton to review information for possible purchase of a fire boat.

Chief Litton referred to the information contained in the packet; wherein highlighting the need to upgrade and improve the Green Bay Fire Department's response capabilities on the water to protect citizens using our waterways. The boat would be used for marine firefighting, assisting disabled boaters, emergency rescue and deployment of a boom in the event of a spill. The boat has many more capabilities that do not exist with current equipment. The City would be responsible for funding \$90,000 of the total purchase. The total purchase price is \$315,000 with a private group committing to funding \$225,000 over a five year period. The private group includes Marathon Oil and US Oil.

There was discussion amongst the committee as to how to best fund this purchase; bonding was discussed.

Motion to approve the purchase at \$18,000/year for five (5) years made by Ald. Sladek; seconded by Ald. Nicholson.

8. Request by the City Treasurer to review and approve a resolution updating financial institutions the City does business with.

Diana Ellenbecker referred to packet information and highlighted information contained therein.

Ald. Sladek commented that he was surprised that so many banks were included on this list and wanted to know why we do business with so many.

Diana Ellenbecker responded that in part it is due to diversity and keeping money in several areas and also ensuring getting the best return on investments and lowest rates of interest and such.

Motion to approve request made by Ald. Sladek; seconded by Ald. Nicholson.

9. Report by the Finance Director.

Diana Ellenbecker stated no information to report.

Motion to receive and place on file made by Ald. Nicholson; seconded by Ald. Sladek.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Ald. Nicholson; seconded by Ald. Sladek. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

2015 Contingency Fund  
\$92,220

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