MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020, 4:30 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207
AMENDED

A. ROLL CALL.

Present: Barbara Dorff, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Kathy Lefebvre.

Also present: Finance Director Diana Ellenbecker, Asst. Finance Director Pam Manley, (Citizen) Todd Bardouche, City Assessor Russell Schwandt, Battalion Chief David Kolz, Fire Chief David Litton, Police Commander Paul Ebel, Police Commander Kevin Warych, City Attorney Vanessa Chavez, Chief of Staff Celestine Jeffreys.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the Finance Committee minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. To appeal the 2018 increased tax bill for 2884 Sussex Road for Todd Bardouche. The City made an error on the 2018 and 2019 taxes. The homeowner brought this to the attention of the City, but because he built the home, he thought he was only undercharged for 2019.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to close the floor for discussion. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

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Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

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Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to request Mr. Bardouche to pay the 2018 omitted taxes over a 5yr period. Motion carried.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- Barbara Dorff, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve as amended forgiving the amount of the lottery credit for 2018's omitted taxes. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on a request by the City Assessor's office to cancel certain property taxes. Resolution to cancel $820.95.

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Request approval to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from Five Alarm Fire & Safety LLC. for $838,706.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Request approval to purchase Integrated Thermal Imaging Cameras from Five Alarm Fire & Safety LLC. for $63,000. Sole source.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

5. Request approval to purchase Barrier and Trailer Kits from Meridian Rapid Defense Group for $236,547.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

6. Resolution authorizing 2019 transfer of $2,222.50 from contingency for legal expenses related to Georgia Pacific tax appeal.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

7. Resolution authorizing 2019 transfer of $5,059.90 from contingency for legal expenses related to Oneida trust matter.

Moved by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

8. Report of the Claims Committee.

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. 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.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- None, No- None, Abstain- None

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. 2019 Contingency Account:
$60,808.73

2020 Contingency Account:
$150,000.00

2. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday January 28, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

G. VERBATIM MINUTES.

- Okay, I'm calling the Finance Committee Meeting for January 7th, 2020 to order. Roll Call. Alder Lefebvre, I'm just gonna say, Alder Lefebvre is excused, she'll be here in about 20 minutes.

- Alder Corpus-Dax, present.

- Present.

- Alder Galvin, present.

- And Alder Dorff, present. I'll accept a motion for approval of the agenda.

- So moved.

- Second.

- Moved by Alder Corpus-Dax, second by Alder Galvin. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Approval of the Finance Committee, minutes from November 12th, 2019.

- So moved.

- Second. By Alder Galvin, second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Okay, on your regular business. The first item on the agenda is an item that I placed there and I will read it. To appeal the 2018 increased tax bill for 2884 Sussex Road for Todd Bardouche.

- Yup.

- The city made an error on the 2018 and '19 taxes. The homeowner brought this to the attention of the city, but because he built the home, he thought he was only undercharged for 2019. So, let me give you a little bit of what I know and then we'll turn it over to staff, and then possibly Mr. Bardouche will speak. We'll see what we need to do. So, they built a home on Sussex and moved into it a little, late January, or late December. And having built a home before, I had built a home, I know that you don't, you're not charged tax in the first year, you know, just on the property. And since they moved into it so close to the first of the year, he didn't question it when the 2018 bill came, he didn't question it. Oh yeah, okay, it's for the property, next year I'll get the full amount. Well, then the 2019 bill came for the 2018, and lo and behold, he was again just charged for the land. And the city completely missed it. So, being a good citizen, he called and said, you know, I don't think I'm getting charged the right amount of taxes. And we're talking thousands and thousands of dollars of taxes. You guys, I think you need to charge me more. So, they did. And in doing so, uncovered the fact that he moved in, like, a week or two later, you wouldn't have to but now they want the city would like him to pay the 2018 taxes as well, which is thousands and thousands of dollars. And so our plea here, to Finance, is that we say, well, this honest citizen came forward, told us we're making a mistake, said, you know, you need to charge me more, and had no idea this was gonna impact another year, which we've already gone through and we've spent all the money for that year. So, that is why I am bringing this to Finance. We should probably hear from staff.

- Yup. I did put a memo in the packet and it kind of explains this situation on our end for Mr. Bardouche.

- Yup.

- Yep, he did call in, and I returned the call to him. And after talking to him, he did state that he built this home and then moved in December of '17. He did say that he called in a year ago. And I'm not sure if you talk to someone in the County or someone in the city. He said he did call in a year ago. And at some point, I think you'd said that someone said, oh, you just built, you don't have a, your tax bill shouldn't be bigger, it'll be bigger next year. So, he actually did call a year ago. And then he called in this year, and then I looked into it and that's when we found out, you know, based on the time he moved in, and it's not necessarily, I will look to the assessor, but the time that when he moved in is when it was completed. That it was that year. Correct, for the 2018 and 2019 years only, assessed at the land value. And now, going back, the assessor has gone back and got a value on the property. So, correct, there was a smaller tax bill that was issued for '18 and '19, which will land value only. Now with the improvements, at this point, the tax bill omitted was $9,219 for two years, $4500 for '18 and $4700 for '19.

- And he's certainly not arguing about the 2019 bill. I mean he's very--

- Correct. He called again--

- He called in and he said, you know--

- Correct. There's something wrong, I do believe it should be higher. And that is correct. One thing I can tell you is that we did go back historically and look for the last five years, we have not missed a parcel, a real estate parcel for omitted. So, this is really a one-off. This does not happen. There has been a few personal property but that is just some self-reporting, that some other reasons why those were omitted. Our normal omitted process for the Finance Department is, once it's noted, it's omitted, it is calculated to see what the omitted portion is, the omitted invoice goes out to the property owner, they have really until the end of November, middle of November to pay, if it doesn't get paid then it gets added to the next year's property tax bill, as a delinquent, or as an omitted tax. So, that is what our process would be if nothing else changes at this meeting, we would send him a bill for $9,219 for '18 and '19 tax bill, he would have 'till the middle of November to pay or it would go on his next tax bill. I can, I'll add just a little bit more. This was something. There was, I don't want to say there was a concern, but it was something that we wanted to make sure that we were more proactive within our department. So, months ago, weeks ago, I deferred to staff. There has been a group that was getting together to find a more efficient way and more consistent way in making sure that permits get from the Inspection Department into the Assessors Department, and they already have something in work that could be rolled out very, very soon. I can let either Paul Van Calster or our assessor speak to that. So, I'm not sure what questions you have.

- Maybe we could do that but maybe, can we, deal with this? The issue first?

- Sure, yes.

- And then, okay.

- So again, the issue at hand is right now, unless something changes here, we will be sending him a bill for $9,290 for the '18 and '19 tax bill. Again, '18 tax bill is $4,542.70, which would be the omitted portion, and '19 would be $4,676.80.

- Questions?

- Yes.

- Alder Galvin.

- So, Mr. Bardouche is asking the city to forgive $4500 in taxes because, had he not said anything, we wouldn't have known about it.

- We may someday have figured it out.

- Okay.

- But.

- So, I guess. And I appreciate his honesty and contacting the city. I mean, who knows how long it would have gone on for. But he's still responsible for the taxes.

- Well, he really called about the 2019 taxes. Just so you know. I mean, I just want to make that--

- Okay, so when the city was checking they discovered that.

- They discovered that because of the timing of when the home was finished, which was just prior to the first of the year, then he owed that. So, he moved in December of--

- Yeah, '17.

- Okay. I actually had the same thing happen. Not that they forgot my taxes. I had something similar that happened when I moved into my home, it was near the end of the year, I was told by the loan officer, and I'm trying to remember the other party that you get involved with. When you sign off on the land, that there's no liens or anything on it, that I would be owing taxes. I mean, it was pretty made clear, how much taxes I would be paying. So, I guess I'm wondering if whoever you dealt with didn't do their duty and tell you how much--

- Well, that's exactly right. That's exactly what happened. The city did not--

- No, no, no, when I was obtaining my loan and building my house, the bank and the other company that you go through.

- Oh, title?

- Title?

- Title company. Were very clear on what I was going to have to pay in taxes that year, and what my responsibilities were. Much like also when I sold my home, they talked about how much I would be responsible for that year and how much I wouldn't be responsible for that year.

- We can ask some questions.

- So, I guess that's kind of my--

- Okay, so we might want to--

- Some questions I have on that.

- Do you guys want to poll opinions first?

- Sure.

- I'll move to open.

- Okay.

- I just wanted to clarify, so it's not the date that he moved in, it's when the home was finished?

- Which was about the same date.

- Can I defer to the assessor here on that question?

- Sure.

- I guess the question would be--

- Do you wanna come up?

- We look at properties--

- So we can see you?

- All right. We look at properties as how they exist as of the first year of every year, it doesn't matter if they're complete or not. I mean, it's how they exist. So, even if you he hadn't moved in, it would be as of the first year with a partial completion. We would put a partial assessment on. So, if it was done, it would have a full assessment on it, if it was partially complete, we'd have a partial assessment on it, then the full assessment would be on for the following year. So, that's how that works. I mean, it wouldn't matter if he had moved in or not, it is how it exists after the first of the year, that's our.

- Okay.

- Okay, thank you.

- Sure.

- All right, you gonna move to open the floor?

- Yes, I'll move to open the floor.

- I'll second.

- Second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Okay, Mr. Bardouche would you come forward to the podium and state your name and address, please.

- My name is Todd Bardouche and I like at 2884 Sussex.

- Okay. Would you guys just like to ask questions?

- What? I would imagine you took out a loan to build the house?

- Yes.

- And you had to go through a title company?

- Yes. Do you recall that time in this is what two years ago, you recall them talking about or giving you paperwork?

- The only thing they mentioned was the taxes that was paid the prior year which was like $820, which was a bill on the land.

- But they didn't have any paperwork or anything showing that we would hold that year?

- No, nothing. We got the occupancy permit, I believe they call it, and we moved in as soon as we got that, which was the 23rd of December.

- Okay. Now, see, it was my understanding because we had already received the property tax bill for 2017, prior to us moving in 'cause the house wasn't completed yet. That was why I just assumed that the next year when I called and they said, what I was told was, when you build the first year, you're only paying on the land, when the house is completed. So, and I'm not really saying, because I missed it by a week. What I'm, feel like I'm being punished for bringing this up and calling the city and letting them know that my tax bill was lower than what it should be. This could have went for years before they caught it. In fact, when I talked to Russ, he says that as of right now they don't have a timetable to do another city wide assessment. And they could not have been caught 'till they probably did that.

- So, you moved in December of '17.

- On the 23rd of December.

- Right, so, the taxes you paid that year were based on--

- January 1st of 2017.

- Right.

- So that was 800 and some dollars.

- Right.

- The next year, 2018, you were in that house the whole year, the house was finished and everything.

- Right.

- I guess.

- And he called.

- He called. But you're saying you're being punished now.

- I'm being punished, well, I feel like I'm being punished now because I just. The day I got my tax bill, last month, I saw it was just on the land and I knew that was wrong.

- Okay.

- So, I called the city to tell them that my tax bill should be higher, that they weren't taxing--

- Right. And then, Russ called me the next day and he came out and assessed my property. And I just feel like they're going back to 2018 and they're punishing me for that.

- Did you escrow money for your taxes?

- No, I don't escrow money.

- You're doing it yourself. Okay. Had you been escrowing money for taxes?

- No.

- I mean, doing it yourself.

- I do it myself, right.

- So, had you been saving money in 2018 to pay taxes that year?

- In 2018?

- Yes.

- I was at that time, yes.

- So, wouldn't you have the money already saved up?

- No.

- I--

- You used it. Okay.

- I got kids in college. All right, thank you very much.

- So when the tax bill came, that's when I thought, oh, I bet they're only charging me on the land again, and then I use that money to pay towards some of my kids college.

- Okay, all right.

- As most of us might do. Thinking that. He called and he checked.

- One more question. Who did you call in 2018, do you remember? Was it the city or the County?

- I called the city, the first, a year ago, when I called the city. I do not know who I spoke to.

- Yeah, that's a while ago.

- Now, this year, I called the city, and I forgot who I talked to the first time but they thought I should call the County, so then I called the County, and the County told me to call, Russ at the city. So then I did that.

- All right, all right, thank you very much.

- All right.

- Any other questions?

- 'Cause I have no problem paying 2019 taxes 'cause I know I should have. I feel, 'cause if I wouldn't have brought it to the city's attention and I'm trying to be honest that, how many other people would have not called the city. In fact, I've talked to people and a lot of them told me I was stupid to contact the city but I thought it was the right thing to do.

- I think it was the right thing to do. Thank you.

- One more question. If you had the money, would you pay the 2018 taxes?

- If I had the money but I don't have the money.

- But if you had it, you would pay it without.

- If I had it, I still don't believe I should have to pay it but if I had to I would. If I had the money and you insisted I paid it, I would.

- If the city had overcharged you on your taxes, and you didn't know it, do you think the city should pay you back?

- If they caught it.

- Well, if they caught it.

- In a reasonable timeframe.

- I mean, if you caught it.

- Yeah.

- But if you didn't catch it, do you think at some point, two, three years later, do you think the city should pay you back?

- Well, I don't think I would have caught it years later.

- We're in the land of hypothetical right now.

- I mean, I don't know what they're basing on. I mean, to be honest with you, when you get your house at fair market value when it's 30 thousand more than you paid, you already think it's wrong. But you gotta with what they say because they make that determination, not me, what they think your house is worth.

- Sure.

- So, I wouldn't know if there was an error or not. So, I wouldn't ever find it and I wouldn't expect the city to come back if they couldn't find this, they're not gonna find the other one.

- Thank you.

- But if I wouldn't got a tax bill back in 2018, I would have paid it at that time, but when I didn't get it, I didn't.

- Okay.

- Okay.

- Thank you.

- Okay, thanks. Set to motion to close the floor.

- Motion to close the floor.

- Same.

- Second.

- Okay, Alder Corpus-Dax, Alder Galvin. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Floor is closed. All right, so back in regular business. Committee. Yeah.

- If you'd like me to make motion, I will. I mean, normally the chair does it but. It is your process.

- Mr. Bardouche, I understand what happened. And your explanation certainly makes sense. I just, I just can't condone forgiving your taxes for 2018. That's just the way I feel. You know, praying, I understand your thought, that the city in charge of, because that was an honest, you know, it was the way things were and you used that money for other things and I can't fault you for that either. You made a phone call, you did your due diligence, but I don't know, in my mind, that doesn't necessarily exempt you from having to pay your taxes in 2018. We've got a large city, we've got a lot of expenses, you know, you're argument could be that those taxes, really, is a miniscule amount of what we have going on here, but being on the Finance Committee for the last year, we do have a lot of needs in this community. And so, I can't support forgiving you for your 2018 taxes. I'm sorry. That's gonna be my motion is that--

- Maybe we all can talk for a second.

- Yeah, okay.

- Okay.

- Well, you were looking for a motion--

- I was, initially, yes. Go ahead.

- I want to know then, too. Say, we vote that he has to pay the 2018. What's the city gonna do? Does he have to pay it right away, are they gonna put a--

- Diana?

- What happens, an invoice will be issued to him, and he would have 'till basically middle of November, early November, to pay the balance. And if then, if it wasn't paid that would be considered delinquent omitted taxes and then it would go on his 2020 tax bill, any portion that wasn't paid.

- Is that with interest or is that just a balance?

- That is just principal balance, that is not--

- Okay.

- That is just the balance, we do not add interest to it.

- Okay.

- Is there any way of working out of a payment plan?

- I guess there would be enough. Yeah, that would be a possibility. We just haven't had to or haven't done that in the past but with the direction from the Finance Committee, we could probably make a longer payment plan.

- I think.

- Of course.

- We've gone through 2018. 2018's over, been over for a little while. We met our budget, we spent the money we had, we didn't even know that this money existed, and it didn't, we didn't get it, we didn't use it when we should have used it, it's now 2020. We have a citizen in a, kind of, a one-off case, as Diana mentioned, or Director Ellenbecker mentioned, that's not happened before, very unlikely that it will happen again. The citizen honestly came forward, not once, but twice, and said, hey, you guys aren't charging me enough, and the first time they said, oh, no, no, no it's fine, land only. Okay, he accepts that. Then again he gets a bill just for the land, and he calls again and says, hey, you guys aren't charging me enough. I want to pay my taxes. Now, a lot of us don't have an extra $4500 laying around from 2018, you know, had we known, we had to pay the taxes, we would have saved and paid the taxes. But to charge him double right now, I think there is always gonna be a lot of right answers to this, it could be right to pay the taxes, it could be right for us to forgive the taxes. Where I am going to stand on this is I think that honesty is good and I think that the money should have been back in 2018, it's now 2020, and I think we should forgive the omitted portion of the taxes for 2018. And even though there was omitted portion of the taxes for 2019, I think, of course, he should pay his 2019 taxes. So that's where I will stand on this.

- Is that your motion or just what you're saying?

- It's just what I'm saying, letting us talk first.

- Okay. Seeing as he called in to check the 2018 and he was told no, just the land or whatever, then I think the city is kinda liable. Because they should have double checked and gotten, actually gotten back to him, maybe, really checked it out. But I'm startin' to hear this. I think, well, wait a minute. He didn't know, you know? I mean, you have to go by what, now you call and somebody tells you this, you have to go by what they're telling you. So now, I don't know. It just doesn't sound kosher.

- Any comments?

- I agree with Alder Galvin, I do have a hard time forgiving those 2018 taxes because whether he called. I mean, appreciate you coming forward. And I thank you for that. But if it wasn't caught this year And he calls again next year, I mean, you're looking at whether it's this year that he called and that mistake was found, or two, three, four, five years that mistake was found. The fact of the matter is that in 2018 he would have been charged the full amount of taxes versus the $812. We don't know exactly what the conversation was, the first time he called. So, I mean, we don't have whoever it is that he spoke with here to say, well this is what he, this is what I told him. So, it still comes to that I still see that those taxes are owed for 2018. I do think that I'm okay with this omitted assessment invoicing process. I do think that, if we can, we should give him a longer, maybe an extended period to pay that back versus in November, being charged, $9,000. Or he has to pay $9,000 by November. Because that mistake was on the city, I do think that we should provide some leeway in the time period in which he has to pay that back.

- Can I?

- Yeah.

- I'd like to ask the gentleman a question.

- Okay, let's open the floor.

- Motion to open the floor.

- Motion to open the floor by Alder Galvin. Second, Alder Lefebvre. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye. Opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Bardouche, can you come back up? Thank you.

- Okay. If we voted that you had to pay the '18 and then the '19 but they gave you 'till November, is that gonna be a hardship?

- Well, it will be difficult. I'm retired, so I don't have a lot of income coming in.

- Yeah, okay.

- And I was planning on, I budgeted all last year, every month to cover last year's taxes, so I have that.

- Mm-hm, okay, that's it.

- And then this year I'm going to be budgeting for this year's taxes.

- Right. Yeah. Okay, all right, thank you.

- Thank you.

- Motion to close the floor.

- Second.

- Alder Galvin and second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries.

- I'd like to make a motion.

- Okay.

- I make a motion that Mr. Bardouche is, pays his 2018 taxes over a five-year period, starting next year.

- I second that.

- Motion and a second. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? No. Five-year period is, yeah. Okay. Motion carries.

- I do appreciate your honesty.

- This will go to Council on Tuesday. If you can come to Council and you can make a case at Council 'cause--

- All right.

- This is the Committee level. So, you could try again if you wanted to

- Can I ask you a question? Will I still get the lottery credit for both years?

- Can I make an amendment to motion?

- Yes.

- All right. Then I would like to amend it that what he would've gotten for the lottery credit, be deducted from the 2018 taxes.

- Oh. Is that lawful?

- I'm not sure.

- I'm just gonna cur life, we can, like, that it's legally we can do that.

- I think if we can--

- Well, legally we could.

- Yeah, we could forgive, yeah.

- We can just forgive the amount of the lottery.

- Yes, forgive that amount. We can't necessarily give him a lottery credit but we prefer to give that amount loan for a lottery credit.

- I'll second that.

- Okay, so I have a motion, an amendment on the floor motion to forgive the lottery, the amount that the lottery credit would have been in 2018, made by Alder Galvin, second by Alder Lefebvre. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye. Opposed? Motion carries. Okay. All right.

- I hope that helps.

- It's not what I wanted. No, I know.

- Can I ask her a question?

- If it's quick.

- When will I be getting the bill? We can send it out, we can send it out this week or next--

- Why don't we wait 'till after Council? This isn't a dead issue, yet.

- Correct.

- It's not a dead issue.

- So, right now I should still pay the tax bill I have?

- Correct, at this point, you're going to want to pay your $840.22 for your 2019 tax bill, 'cause you're gonna want at lease have first payment, first installment done by the 31st. So, you know that part--

- Right.

- Doesn't go delinquent. And then the omitted portion will be a separate by invoice that you will get. And then again, it will be typically year 2019 then would be due by November or will go on your '20 tax bill, and your 2018, per the committee and approved by Council, then you would have five years to pay the 2018--

- All right.

- Portion of the omitted.

- All right. Okay, thanks.

- Thank you.

- Thank you.

- Thank you.

- Thank you. All right, next item. Consideration, with possible action, request by City Assessor's Office to cancel certain property taxes, resolution to cancel $820.95. Staff.

- I'm gonna actually let the Assessor speak to this item.

- Okay.

- This is another case where on a personal property account, the owner misreported, didn't quite understand the process, and reported items on the personal property form that really weren't supposed to be reported. So, we're just asking to correct that. And the actual amount is $2800 versus the 3609 and the difference is shown on the form, what the taxes should have been. The $820.

- So, it's an example of us helping a person pay less taxes.

- Well, it's a catch, as they filled out the form, they called in when they got the tax bill and said this is too much and we said, well, what did you fill out, and then when they explained what they did, they actually thought that it was, instead of personal property, thought it was business value. And they thought their business was worth that much, instead of the actual property that they had invested in. So, I would explain that to 'em, instead of having an accountant do it, they did it themselves. So, when we explained it to 'em, what was actually supposed to be on the form, when they corrected it, it came out to be significantly less.

- All right. Any questions? No? Entertain a motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion to approve by Alder Corpus-Dax, second by Alder Lefebvre. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item three. Request approval to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus from Five Alarm Fire and Safety LLC, for $838,706. Lee, we have the Fire Department here.

- We do.

- For this little breathing presentation.

- We have our buyer here that worked on this RFP. If you have any questions for her, or we can go, if you have any questions representing the Fire Department. We can go whatever path you on this item.

- Committee?

- Let's, can I ask some questions about what we're buying here?

- Okay. So, who would you like to--

- Fire Department.

- Fire Department, okay.

- [Dave] I'm wearing my booties.

- He's got

- Hoodies.

- Hoodies now.

- So they're made out of carrots.

- So, I'm Dave Kolz, Battalion Chief on the Green Bay Fire Department.

- Hi.

- Welcome.

- Well, thanks for having us. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have in regards to what we're replacing and why we chose this, the process we used to evaluate the manufacturers.

- If you could just go down.

- Sure.

- If I'm reading this right.

- Yup.

- Yeah, this is your name at the bottom of the report. We looked at one, two, three, four, five?

- Correct, five. Five manufacturers, so that every available manufacturer that responded, and that's all five of them in the market.

- All right.

- In the United States.

- And you evaluated each one?

- Correct.

- And what did that entail?

- So, what we did is we had a committee comprised of 10 personnel, myself, training captains, one firefighter from each rank, we brought in each manufacturer, they gave us their sales presentation, showed us their product, so we had five of those meetings, separate meetings, with each one of the manufacturers. And then we had their product at the Fire Ground Training Center at NWTC. And each one of the 10 of us put the breathing apparatus through four different evolutions on the fire ground. And those evolutions consisted of engine operations, where you're pulling line, flowing water, things like that, what you do off an engine. And then we also had, what we call, truck evolutions, where we would go up on the roof, chop holes in the roof, cut things, and then we went into a confined space area with each pack. And because of the timing, it was August, so it was really hot, so my nine guys weren't real happy with me. It was pretty hot those those days on the fire grounds. Each day was probably four-to-six hours on each pack in the heat. And so it was quite extensive process. And then we had a scoring method that we used to score them, and then the scores were tabulated. This one, this MSA Pack Mine Safety Alliance came out on top--

- Okay.

- For the scoring.

- There out of Delafield?

- So, Five Alarm is out of Delafield. They are the dealer for Mine Safety Equipment, which is out of Pennsylvania.

- All right. And then, looking at the-. I have vendor one, vendor two.

- Okay, yup.

- So those two vendors cover all five different apparatuses?

- Yeah, so what happened was, during the evolution, and during this process, three of the five manufacturers, what we called, had failures during our testing.

- Oh, okay.

- Oh, okay.

- So, one would be Interspiro, one was Drager, and they had failures where they, I had to pull my report. I can tell you one of 'em, the tank shut off in a confined space, so that tank actually shut off on a firefighter. We had failures where the, and I can show you here. So where one manufacturer, this hose was too long and got caught in his mask and ripped his face piece off. So, during the testing and evaluation of these product, we would consider that a failure.

- Sure.

- And so those three didn't make the grade, as what we call, and we failed 'em.

- All right.

- During this process the NFPA, the National Fire Protection Agency, was going through a revision of these packs, and they call it their 2018 revision. That is done third-party testing by Underwriter Lab and those three also did not pass the latest NFPA requirement. So, not only did we fail them, the National level didn't pass them either, to the new revision level. So, they did not, we chose not to put them forward. So, we chose this one, MSA and Scott, to be bid, to send out for bid. And that's how we got the two different bids.

- We're looking at about a $900 difference. How did Scott, though, compare to MSA? In the score.

- In the score they were 10 points. So, we had a possible points of 184 points, and MSA was 167 and Scott was 157.

- So they had a better score.

- They did have a better score.

- Okay.

- Yes.

- And they have a better price.

- Yup, and a better price.

- And these are good for how long, roughly.

- So, about 15 years, is what, right. And so I can tell you that and I was just looking at our numbers. We have 121 of these packs throughout the city at our eight different fire stations on all of our different rigs. And we have packs on our rigs, 1998, 1997, 2000, 2001. So, this was something that really needed to be done, you know, our guys are going into burning buildings with 20 year old packs on their back, and this is their lifeline to breathe. So, this had to be done and I think it was a good choice. I scored it higher, when I did it 'cause I went through all the evolutions with the, everybody, on the Committee. And so that's where we're at.

- All right.

- Thank you.

- Any other questions?

- No, thank you.

- Thank you so much.

- Mm-hm.

- Mm-hm.

- Bet he's gonna have us all.

- No, I. Now, correct me if I'm wrong but I think on your agenda, this camera on here is a separate line item?

- Yup, that's the next one.

- So, just hang for a minute.

- Yeah, so I'm just gonna hang here so we can talk about that.

- Okay.

- All right.

- Real quick question for Diana. This is money that we already bonded or budgeted for?

- Correct this was a two year bonding. Correct, most of the money is already, is in house. It's a '18 and '19 bonding.

- So, we have the money from last year, so we'll be able to buy 'em all at once.

- That's correct.

- Correct and again, I will, that is what the chief wanted. He wanted it so that they were all bought in one batch.

- Okay.

- Motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve--

- Second.

- By Alder Galvin, second by Alder Lefebvre. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Okay now, the next part is the request for bulk purchase integrated thermal imaging cameras from Five Alarm Fire and Safety. So, that's imaging camera that's on there. Questions.

- I imagine you put it through the same--

- Yeah.

- Testing process and everything?

- So, basically, what, when we tested these things. And I say as a technology, where a thermal imaging camera, and for those who don't know what it is, it's a heat signature, it picks up heat. So, for our firefighters that are going in the building, if we have a civilian down or a firefighter down, or even if we're looking for heat in a wall, it'll show up on this camera. And so we didn't send out the-- We didn't send out the original bid to include the thermal images. And we added that later because their price came in so well, and we were able to add it. So, with this SCBA pack, this camera is built right into this lens here. So right now, how we do this is we have handheld cameras that have, we have on our trucks and our rigs. And so if a firefighter goes in with the pack and he has a camera and he's looking, he's looking for things, or looking for civilians, he's looking for anything that's showing a heat signature. With this technology, that camera is right here. And we would not eliminate, so you can see, if any of you can see. You can see, so I'm looking at her and you can see the heat signature.

- Sorry, you're not alive.

- I'm not alive.

- So, this camera then, we're able to pick up the heat signatures of, again, humans, fire, things like that. We would not eliminate the handheld ones, this would just be an additional tool on every pack that every firefighter would have. That it's an additional--

- It's right there.

- Life saving piece of equipment right on the pack, right.

- So we're buying 140, yet we're--

- No.

- Buying a 120 backpacks?

- Right. So, I think that number was, and correct me if I'm wrong.

- Buying a 132 airbags, so that actually, so there's 122 normal ones, 10 for our HAZMAT team. So it's a 132 total. We're gonna keep eight regulators on the shelf, 'cause we do know that we'll have to replace 'em at some point. Just out of wear and tear. We know that there's going to be--

- Okay.

- Issues with 'em. So, we want to be able to, without taking an air pack out of service, because that's not a good situation for us to be in, so we'll have eight on the shelf.

- All right, that makes sense. Okay.

- So, yeah.

- All right.

- Okay.

- Thank you.

- Mm-hm.

- Motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve by Alder Galvin.

- Second.

- Second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye. Opposed? Motion carries.

- Okay.

- Thank you.

- Thank you.

- Item five. Request to approve the purchase of barrier in trailer. It's not usually this much fun at this. To purchase barrier and trailer kits from Meridian Rapid Defense Group for $236,547. Staff.

- Again, what I can tell you about this one, this was also a 2018 bonding item. There was $400,000 that was put aside in the bonding and I am gonna let Commander Ingles and Chief Ebel, speak to the process in which they got to really analyzing the different time barriers and why they can down to this item.

- You wanna start?

- Sure, so, we actually bonded for this money back in 2018 to purchase barriers. Bonded $400,000 and we then, since then, we have been evaluating different systems. And quite honestly, I think we've probably over analyzed the things that we've been looking at. We finally came to the conclusion of the equipment that's there before you. Commander Ebel, and I, and police and fire departments are meeting now on a regular basis and we have been discussing areas of concern for us, and for the city, and for our citizens, and we've been doing that over the last, you know, three or four years based on intelligence that we receive from Federal and State agencies about threats. And one of the areas of concern that we've had for a long time is our large gathering of people in unprotected areas.

- Farmer's Market, are you thinking?

- Farmer's Market, the Fourth of July, our Cellcom Marathons, any place that we have a large contingent of people that are unprotected and open to vehicular traffic. That goes, that could be, we could relate that to Lambeau Field, as well.

- Right. And so, we have spent two years evaluating systems, looking at different barriers, and different kinds of gates, all these things. And Commander Ebel and Assistant Chief Gavlin, actually went and viewed these things, they actually picked them up at different conferences that they've been at, and we've all gone and looked at various things. So, this really is the, come down to. This is kind of the first set of things that we are going to use. We've been struggling with how they would get deployed and picked up, we believe that the Department of Public Works were gonna be, as part of that $400,000 we're gonna be buying a pickup truck for them to be able to pull these trailers out, get these things deployed. So you gotta deploy 'em. You know, let's just think, the Farmer's Market, and once they gotta deploy 'em. And then you got to go back at nine o'clock when the Farmer's Market's over, and pick 'em back up and then we gotta store 'em. So, that's why we chose to buy the trailers with the barriers themselves, to make it more efficient and easy to move and store. And that's why we need to buy the pickup truck for DPW so that they'll be able to do that. And I'll let Commander Ebel, he can talk about the security issues, probably better than I can.

- So, as you know, world events dictate what we do. You look at France, what happened with the vehicle attack, the truck going through the steel base. Germany, even though, even in the US in New York City. One of the biggest things that we want to do is prevent penetration of a vehicle into an event like the Farmer's Market. Art Street, the Farmer's Market downtown on Saturdays. We've done the research. These vehicle barriers, allow for pedestrian movement in between them, where the other barriers don't. They are easily to deploy them and pick 'em back up. That's one of the reasons, the simplicity of them is one of the reasons why we choose this--

- Okay.

- Particular barrier. They're Safety Act certified through the Department of Homeland Security. So, we'll give this a little bit more of protection liability in case of a terrorist attack.

- So, $400,000, we're shelling out just over half of that, the feds will shell out the rest?

- No, I think the bonding is for 226 or somewhere in that area.

- 236.

- 237.

- We've gotta spend another 40 thousand on a pickup truck, so that's gonna leave us a little bit of money left. And we're not gonna spend that money, at this point, we're gonna evaluate. I think there's a possibility that we're gonna come back and say we need additional barriers and we need an additional piece of equipment. We're just gonna let the money sit, we're gonna evaluate this spring, once we start deploying these things, see how they work, and then once we've done that we may come back and say we're good. We don't need the money in the body, at least get it to something else. We may come back and say we to buy some more.

- How many streets can we block with what we're buying?

- With the 24 that we have, we can handle the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings with the cross streets and bullpens, the items at either end Washington at either end.

- I mean, Washington at either end and then--

- Doty--

- Doty and Stuart.

- So, one, two, three, four streets we have blocked.

- We're gonna use those with a combination to understand that one of the things that we were looking at, as we've talked about before, was a barrier gate, which would essentially would have been a hydraulic ramp that would go up and then come back down, and that would be our entryway for emergency vehicles in the event that we needed to get an ambulance in or a police car through or whatever. But in evaluating that, we found that it was gonna take, the company said 30 minutes to set 'em up, we figured it was gonna be more like an hour to set 'em up, take 'em down. Those are more used probably around Embassy's and things of that nature. So, as of right now, our plan going forward, I think, is that we're gonna use larger vehicles as that, quote, gate that can be moved in and out by a police officer, by a firefighter, if the need arises. And we're gonna try that and see how that works.

- What kind of vehicle would we be using for a gate?

- All kinds, we can use a--

- We might use our High Water vehicle, we could be using the MRAP that the police have, something that's substantial, we could be using dump trucks.

- Filled with sand.

- Filled with sand. Yeah.

- So, $400,000 we're gonna block four streets and buy a pickup truck?

- Well, have 100 thousand left over though.

- Right now, we're gonna a hundred thousand left over.

- I look at DPW and I see pickup trucks driving in and out of there all the time, because we've got four streets to block, how many trailers is there gonna be? That it will entail.

- Three.

- Three? We have to buy 'em a truck for that?

- Guys, that's not in the agenda.

- Yeah, this is all part of it.

- Well, the truck is not on the agenda.

- So it's not on the agenda.

- It's coming.

- It's coming but we shouldn't be--

- The truck is not part of this bonding then?

- That is not.

- It's part of the bonding.

- It's not part of this purchase.

- But it's not part of this purchase.

- So, we were talking about something that is not in the agenda.

- All right.

- So we should not.

- Right, we shouldn't.

- Okay.

- That will be brought back at a--

- Once we get 'em.

- Yeah, once we get 'em, we'll get that and be coming back at a future date.

- You can come back and you can talk about it then.

- Sure.

- Okay, all right. Any other questions? Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve by Alder Galvin.

- Second.

- Second by Alder Lefevbre. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. You get your barrier person trailer kits. All right. Number six, resolution authorizing 2019 transfer of $2,222.50 from contingency for legal expenses related to Georgia Pacific Tax Appeal.

- What I can tell you about this, is I will, if necessary, we'll have the Assessor talk about the Georgia Pacific Tax Appeal, but this is a bill from 2018 where we're trying to work in announcing and necessarily fight but work, this is in the Seibel Law Offices, and it pertains to a large appeal by Georgia Pacific and these are legal costs that go, again, along with that. What we have determined, over time, money has not been set aside for litigation for tax appeals. I don't know if that was a mistake on my end, I thought maybe it was in the Law Department, Law Department thought maybe it was the Assessors, Assessors thought it was the Law Department. We did have money set aside for legal, for litigation for tax appeals. So again, this is a 2018 bill, there's a 2019 bill, also pending, we are waiting for them to submit that bill for the same kind of litigation. Not sure what questions you have. I'm not sure if you're interested in finding out what the Georgia Pacific Tax Appeal is.

- No.

- Thanks so much.

- We've had some information on that in the past. You're just asking us authorize payment law for--

- Because this is money that was not budgeted for.

- Sure.

- Okay.

- Would someone else like to make a motion this time?

- I make a motion that we approve the transfer of $2,222.50.

- Okay, motion by Alder Lefebvre.

- Second.

- Second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Number seven, resolution authorizing 2019 transfer of $5,059.90 from contingency for legal expenses related to Oneida Trust matter. Staff.

- This is the third time we've come to you but these are money that has been approved prior by Council to pay for this legal matter with Oneida and the determination was that we're gonna use contingency. So, as the bills are coming in, we continue to bring them to you and ask for a transfer again, not money that was set aside in any budget, so we are asking for a contingency transfer.

- And that's kind of what we had decided, right? That as they came up--

- Yes.

- Contingency.

- And either, this is all for work that was done in 2019. So, we're asking for a 2019 transfer.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve by Alder Corpus-Dax. Second by Alder Dorff. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye. Opposed? Motion carries. Last item on this part of the agenda, report of the claims committee. Are there any questions? Is there any need for us to closed session on the claims?

- How come they don't have it, I can't get 'em again. I can never get 'em, the claims.

- I can, at my kitchen table. Yeah, you have to go into Board View though. Maybe, are you on Civic Clerk?

- It requires a confidential password.

- Yeah.

- Yeah, you have to go on the Board View and it's under the packet portion.

- Okay. Yeah, okay.

- The city doesn't work.

- Everyone can see city, because yeah, because we can only see Board View, there was anything I questioned.

- I didn't have any questions on any of 'em.

- No, I'm good.

- Okay.

- I just wanna make sure.

- All right. So, then I'll let her look at these for a minute.

- Potholes and some of 'em aren't filled yet. I just wanna make sure because I read report 'em all the time.

- Okay.

- Sorry. Okay, no.

- All right. I'll entertain a motion.

- Yes.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve by Alder Galvin.

- Second.

- Second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. All right, informational, 2019 contingency account, we still have money in it.

- Prior to--

- So our approvals of the roughly, $7,000 transfer.

- Okay, $60,808.73. 2020 contingency account, $150,000. And to the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at 4:30 p.m. Anything else? I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn by Alder Corpus-Dax.

- Second to Alder Galvin. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. We are adjourned.