MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022, 4:30 PM

In person at City Hall, Room 207.
Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.
Immediately following Personnel.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

1. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

1. Members: Ald. Brian Johnson, Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Bill Galvin & Ald. Jim Hutchison.

Present: Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, Bill Galvin
Excused: Brian Johnson

Also present: Ald. Mark Steuer, City Attorney Joanne Bungert, IT Director Mike Hronek, Parks Director Dan Ditscheit, Procurement Manager Tom Walenski, Finance Director Diana Ellenbecker, Assistant Finance Director Pam Manley and others.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the Finance Committee minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Resolution amending the City of Green Bay 2022 Fee Schedule.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

2. Resolution amending the City of Green Bay 2023 Fee Schedule.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve the 2023 fee schedule that was distributed and reviewed by the City Attorney.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

3. For consideration with possible action on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to receive and place on file.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

4. For consideration with possible action resolution requesting Brown County share its sales and use tax revenue.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Report out the results of natural gas two-year agreement with Twin Eagle.

2. 2022 Contingency Account: $184,297.00; unobligated is $57,297.00.

3. The next Finance Committee meeting (Joint Finance/Personnel Committee) will be held on Thursday November 3, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to adjourn.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison

H. VERBATIM MINUTES.

- We're recording? Okay. Usually there's a recording in progress that always comes up.

- Yeah.

- Jesse-

- It's recording.

- But it's not-

- Mark can't hear.

- Mark can't hear? I'm just talking before-

- No, I know, but generally. I'm just saying, generally.

- All right. I'd like to call to order the Finance Committee Meeting of October 25th, 2022. I'm the Vice Chair of the Committee, who will be chairing the committee. Alderman Johnson, who's normally the Chair, is absent. So I'd like to do a roll call. Alder Brunette, here. Alder Galvin?

- Here.

- Alder Hutchison?

- Here.

- Three are present. One is excused. I'd like to move forward to the Approval of the Agenda.

- So moved.

- Second.

- Motion to approve by Galvin, second by Hutchison. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Next agenda item, Approval of Minutes.

- So moved.

- Second.

- Moved by Galvin to approve, second by Hutchison. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Onto Regular Business, item one, Resolution amending the City of Green Bay 2022 Fee Schedule. Director Ellenbecker.

- I may turn this right over to our Attorney.

- Attorney Bungert. Good to see you.

- Hi. Good evening. So we noticed that there were a couple changes that were left off on the draft that's included in your packet. So I just wanted to alert the committee to those changes and essentially kind of move forward in making an amendment so that an updated fee schedule can go to Council at the next meeting and then be adopted as such, for First and Final Reading for Adoption, so that it can be applicable for the 2023 budget. So the changes that are, and I believe staff has passed out the updated copies.

- Mm hm.

- So just to kinda highlight those changes. The Zoning Amendment Fee for 44-82 would be coming up from 300 to 375. The Conditional Use Permit Fee would be also up from 300 to 375. The One and Two Family Residential Board of Appeals Application and Hearing Fee would be up from $75 to $125. And the Multifamily Board of Appeals Application and Hearing Fee would up from $75 to $125. And Other Services, for One and Two Family Reinspection Fee, up from 50 to 75. And Other Services, Commercial, Educational, Institutional, and Industrial Uses Reinspection Fee from 50 to 75. So those are the changes in the draft that was provided to you today, versus the draft that's on the packet online. So that would be the current draft that will be up for approval for this coming Council meeting.

- Is this for the 2022 rates? 'Cause we have an agenda item for the 2023 rates right after this.

- Yes. This is for 2023. So this is for the 2023 Fee Schedule.

- So for 2022, which the agenda item-

- There are no changes for the-. Is that what's up right now?

- Yeah.

- I'm sorry. Apologies. Okay. We'll hold that for the next item.

- Well I would, there were changes, and that's why the 2022, there was three line items under the 32-2 that were added to the 2022 schedule.

- Gotcha. Okay. That makes sense. Real quick, if I could, I don't know who would answer this but perhaps for the benefit of Alder Hutchison, how do we determine when it is appropriate to improve it? Like this is a regular review. Do you go look at other municipalities? Kind of what triggers the change?

- I will start, this is an annual update to our fee schedule. We actually brought one through one or two meetings ago. It was the annual increase. These are three items that were recently added that were approved through Council and have been added on here. Otherwise this is an annual update to our fee schedule. Does that answer your question?

- Yeah. Any questions from the committee?

- No.

- No.

- Otherwise I'll entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve item one.

- Second.

- We've got a motion by Galvin, second by Hutchison, to approve agenda, the resolution. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item two, Resolution amending the City of Green Bay 2023 Fee Schedule. Anything there?

- Just the three new items under 32-2. And then as the Attorney has mentioned, there were some additional items that they were looking to change for the 2023 Fee Schedule as she just noted.

- Okay. Questions from the committee?

- Nope. I'd make a motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion by Galvin to approve, second by Hutchison. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item three, for consideration with possible action on the 2023 to 2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Director Ellenbecker, when you start, if you could just kind explain for those who may be watching this meeting versus the previous that we're kind breaking it up in segments.

- Correct. It's a large document. And we've put it in our packet several meetings in a row so that we have had some time to review, and that we broke it down by department. Last week we went through the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, Parking and Sanitary Storm, at the October 11th meeting. We are looking to discuss Police, IT, Parks, City Hall, some TIF and Transit at this meeting. What it does is, again, it is our 2023 to 2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It is a draft, it is a direction. It shows you what needs, at a point in time, are needed for the City of Green Bay. We focus in on, we look at all five years. We had also looked at 2023, whether or not there's items in there that could potentially be put in our 2023 budget, or if it needs to stay in the 2023 column, and then determine whether or not that's something we want to bond for going forward. I believe the direction tonight is have the departments go through, explain their needs, explain if it's new, what they would use it for, maybe the details of the useful life, and additional information is in a details page for every one of the items. So we will look at the summary pages to start with. But I think the idea was to just go through and really look at all the needs for the city for the five years. A little more of a focus on the first year. But really, it's a Five Year Plan that we will be looking at. I do believe that we were looking at just a discussion for tonight, not necessarily action yet, that we were gonna maybe consider taking it through an action when it goes through as part of our budget process. But that is really the expectation for tonight. We can go in any order you want. We did say that we would consider taking IT first since he has very few items. Our Director is online. If you have any... Do you care which order we go in?

- It doesn't matter to me.

- Whichever.

- If Director Hronek is there, he'd be more than welcome to go first.

- Hello?

- And Director Ellenbecker, do you know what page of the attachment we should scroll to?

- Yep. For IT in particular, he has some equipment on page 391 of the electronic document. And I will be bringing all of that document up.

- Okay. Thank you.

- 391 of the electronic document?

- I believe so.

- I have the Fire Department.

- So if it's like the agenda that's published or is it the one on CivicClerk? I think we're all on CivicClerk.

- I think it's the agenda online. And the city's web page.

- 391 of the electronic document on CivicClerk should be, it should look like the Equipment Replacement page, as you see on the screen. Does that fall in line with what you're seeing on yours?

- It doesn't, but I think we can look here while we figure it out. But if Director Hronek is listening, if he's available? There he is. Go ahead whenever you're ready, Director.

- Can you hear me now?

- One moment, we're not hearing you, Director.

- You cannot hear me? Hmm. Let me...

- [Chris] Mike, I can hear you. So the problem might be in the Conference Room.

- Oh, you can hear me?

- All right, now we can hear you, Director.

- Okay. All right, great. So in 2023 we're just doing an annual, this is our backup system, our data backup system. So we've just, we purchased that a few years ago and we just string that out for five years. And then in 2024 we're replacing our data center. And so many of these smaller items, like the core switch, would go underneath there. And possibly the DR site air conditioner, which is 15 years old. And our firewall was recently purchased last year with a cybersecurity grant. And then, is there any other questions?

- No questions. Pretty cool. I wish all the needs were as little as yours are, apparently.

- Yeah. Well, I really appreciate being given some ARPA money to fund our next year's projects, or our following year projects. So thank you very much.

- Fair point. Director Ellenbecker was going comment. Go ahead.

- I just wanted to say that for the first couple times we put this packet into, the CIP in our packet, we had not made any changes. From the last meeting to this meeting we did make a few changes, and those are recommendations from the last Finance Committee Meeting. There were a few items that were committed over the course of this past year. We made that note in the documentation in the book. There were a few items that needed to be removed because they were either no longer considered capital, and that included some items that the IT would've had on their first packet two weeks ago. There were some things that are in the annual operating budget, let's say laptops and or some other, monitors, that we had at one point put on this report. But since they weren't really considered capital $5,000 items, we have removed them from this list. So there were a few items in particular for IT that would've been in the report two weeks ago that had not been removed because they're not considered a capital and they're included in the 2023 operating budget.

- Okay. Thank you for that. Anything else, Director? Well, first of all, any questions from the committee for the Director?

- No.

- Okay. I think you're free to go, sir. All right. Thank you very much.

- Thank you.

- Yep. All right, Director Ellenbecker, who's up next?

- We have the Park Director sitting in the room.

- Yep. Sounds good to me.

- [Dan] Great. So our list is a little more extensive than IT's list. But I'd be happy to kind of step you through our process of how we selected it. So we'll start first with projects, I'm guessing, Park projects.

- Yes. Yes, and I will get you to page 47 of the document.

- [Dan] So our total request for Park projects in 2023 is 1.47 million. Just to give you a little guideline as far as how we select our projects. So a couple of things we look for on a recurring basis. One is playgrounds. We have over 60 playgrounds in our parks. So in order to replace them on a 30 year cycle, which is a long time to have a playground, you have to replace two playgrounds a year. If you wanna replace them every 20 years, it's three a year that you need to budget for. And we also look at our pavement and athletic fields and decide where our highest priority needs are. One thing I want to note in this Five Year Plan, just for discussion, is Joannes Aquatic Center. So if you look through the Five Year Plan, I'll just kind of point this out as we go through it. But one thing I just want all of you to know is that facility's 26 years old. It has a lot of maintenance needs. There's a lot of things that are starting to fail at that facility. So over the next five years, we're asking for a considerable amount of money for Joannes Aquatic Center just to maintain it to the current status that it is right now. So it's over a million dollars that we're requesting throughout the next five years, just for Joannes Aquatic Center. So there's really only a small portion for 2023. So we don't have to go into that in a lot of detail, but just wanted to point that out, because we are gonna have to have a more lengthy discussion as time goes on, how do we deal with that? Are we going to look at maybe larger improvements to it it to downscale it so that maybe that offsets our lifeguard needs? Or do we just continue to maintain at status quo and put the money that we need to invest back into it just to keep it operational? And then finally, when we're selecting projects, we also look at what requests are out there. So we look at the demands the park has, and then we also look at what alders have requested and the public has requested throughout the years. Some of it we're mandated by Park Committee motions to include in our Five Year CIP. But what we do is we take a look at the park system as a whole and forecast out where the most important needs are for the next five years. So really what I want to focus on really is 2023, because that's where we really have to make some decisions this year on. So as you kind of go through, I'll just go down each one, give you a little brief synopsis of each item, and if you have questions, just stop me for each one or at the end. So shelter roof replacement at Beaumont for $10,000. That one, again, we have X number of shelters and buildings within our park system. If we replace the shingles on a 20 or 30 year rotation, we have to do a couple each year. So the ones that are listed for 2023 are the shelters that are really in the worst case scenario for asphalt shingle replacement. So Beaumont shelter, that one really is in rough shape and needs to be replaced very soon. Obviously everybody knows if you prolong those type of amenities or maintenance features, then you could do damage structurally to the rafters. Beaumont Park, half playground replacement. So a few years ago, maybe 10 years ago, we replaced half the playground, but the other half is still there. So it's in need of replacement. So we're requesting 75,000. Again, that's one of our oldest playgrounds in our park system. It probably is really one of our oldest ones. So we need to look at that one in the short term if we want to maintain them on a 30 year rotation basis. Beaver Dam Culvert Engineering for $50,000 over at Beaver Dam Park. We have an entrance drive that goes into our parking lot, and there's a very substantially large culvert underneath that driveway that the Beaver Dam Creek runs through. And that has collapsed. And so we do need to replace it. So we have to do a fairly extensive engineering study to make sure that we're sizing it appropriately so that it can handle flooding conditions when that creek fills up, and we're not actually trapping the water and creating a flooding hazard down the creek here. So the 50,000 is just for the engineering and the permitting necessary. At some point, once we do that, we'll know what the cost is to actually fix it. And so I would say, in 2024, we'll be asking for money to actually repair it once we know what the cost is going to be. So for right now that's just an engineering cost.

- So it's collapsed?

- [Dan] Yeah, Some still goes through, some water. It still functions, but it's collapsed. And if we have a major flooding event, it will trap water in there, because that whole culvert is not to its full size anymore.

- What is the potential risk to neighbors? If the backyard's flooding, the basement's flooding, and that stuff, due to that culvert?

- [Dan] Yeah, that's why we have to, that's why we're making it a priority to get that engineered asap. And unfortunately, I can't really give you a construction dollar amount, as far as it'll cost until we know what we're building. Ideally I would've put a construction cost in that also, but it would've been just a shot in the dark or a grab the air, let's say. But I think that that's one of our higher priority projects to get that engineered. Colburn North playground, that is the one over by the ball fields that we just renovated. That playground was actually removed. It was one of our oldest playgrounds. We already removed it to expand the parking lot. Now we'd like to build a new one in its place. So we don't have any funding in place to replace that one at this time. Then you go to the dog park, location undetermined, for $50,000. For the last number of years we've been working on kind of a dog park analysis for our entire city. We do have a plan that we're going to bring forward in the next month or two that we're gonna present to the Park Committee, with two to three recommended locations to place dog parks. This is one where we have a good location that we feel would work for a dog park in the community. We still haven't gone through the process of reviewing it with the Park Committee and neighborhood yet, but we feel pretty confident that even if the location we had originally selected isn't going to work, there's a good alternate selection that will work. So we are asking for $50,000 to install fencing, in essence, around a brand new dog park in the city. We've had these requests for many, many years. People want more dog parks. This isn't a new endeavor. It's something that we're trying to fulfill the needs of the community.

- Is this the same project that Alder Stevens and I were working on with James Anderson?

- [Dan] Yes, but it's not the one over by Dan's, it's a different location.

- Right.

- [Dan] Yeah, it's the same initiative, where we're looking at where we can put dog parks in the city.

- Right. You'd given me a couple of, two parks you guys were interested in.

- [Dan] Yeah. And we'll be presenting those in the very near future to the Park Committee. Skate park improvement engineering for $25,000. There has been a fundraising effort by the skateboarding group to actually improve the skate park at Joannes. That facility we built, I believe in 2000, right around there, maybe it was 2001. So it's getting old and outdated, and there's certain parts that the skaters would just like improved. And I think it's warranted and there's a need to improve that skate park. So what we'd like to do is request $25,000 to hire an engineering consultant to actually guide us towards how can we redevelop that skate park to a better capacity and to meet the needs of current skaters. In addition, that fundraising dollars for $20,000 will go towards that engineering also. So 20,000 is not enough to hire an engineering consultant to design it. So this one's, we already have some of the funding in place. Joannes tennis court color coating, $70,000. That tennis court is in drastic need of re-color coating. For our large tennis courts within the city, where we team up with the school district on at the high schools, it's actually a 50/50 split. So the school district pays half, the city pays half. They approached us maybe one to two years ago and asked if we were in agreement that it's time to re-color coat those, and I do think it is. They are not high school quality, tournament facility courts right now with how they're color coated. So the school district, I confirmed today, they already set aside $70,000 for this project. So we're asking for the other $70,000. Joannes Maintenance Building roof replacement, 45,000. This is one where the roof shingles are in terrible condition. We do need to replace those. This is part of that million dollars plus that we talked about at the beginning of the presentation here. But this is one, no matter what we do with that pool, that pool maintenance building is gonna, in essence, remain untouched because that's where all the mechanical systems are. So we do need that repaired fairly soon. It's also one of our higher priority projects, 'cause those shingles are in rough shape. Then we get to the Joannes/East High parking lot replacement for 350,000. That is also an agreement we have with the school district where they'll fund half and we'll fund half. The total cost is estimated to be $700,000 to resurface that parking lot. And we did confirm that the school district does have their 350,000 in hand. So we are requesting our portion of the project. Also one of our higher priority projects, Kennedy Shelter roof replacements, that's a third roof that's in bad shape and would need to be replaced. Murphy half playground replacement for 75,000. Again, one of our oldest playgrounds. We already replaced half of it. This is the other half. Old Preble stormwater engineering. So recently we put a new playground at Old Preble Park. We did a master plan to relocate the parking lot and do some walkways. As part of that we are mandated, even with the playground, to do stormwater management, because we're disturbing X number of acreage within the park. So what this is, is we would be hiring a consultant to do a storm water management plan, and then in future years, I think next year in 2024, we're gonna ask for the money to actually implement that storm water management plan so that we can build out the master plan for that park. But keep in mind that we needed to do that just for the playground alone.

- Okay. So should there be money to the right? Are we seeing what costs could be coming at us in year two?

- [Dan] Can you explain that a little bit more?

- Well, I see that the years are 2023 or 2020, yeah, 2023, 2024, 2025.

- Mm hm.

- And you said this is for engineering and then we're gonna do construction. So I would think in 2024, 2025, there should be a dollar amount associated with that construction.

- [Dan] Correct. We do, in 2024, it's the line item right above the engineering one.

- Okay.

- [Dan] You'll see it says new playground walk. That's the cost for the walk, but also the storm water management construction.

- Okay.

- [Dan] We should have clarified that in the title.

- Okay. Just so it's there. I just wanted to make sure. Thank you.

- [Dan] Yep. Perkins Ballfield lighting and hockey renovation. So we have money currently in place to remove a softball field at Perkins and convert it to a baseball field. And we are going to be bidding that work out this winter for spring construction. In order to get full use of that field, it really needs to be a lit field, and so we are requesting an additional 450,000 to light it. If we don't light it, they can still use the field. But really, with the teams and leagues that utilize baseball fields, in order to really utilize it to its full capacity, it needs lighting. It makes sense to do that project now in conjunction with the construction next year, or do it, usually when we build these, we let the field rest for a year to let the grass grow. So even if we do the field in the spring and the lighting in the fall, it'll all be ready for grand opening the following year in 2024. So that is what that project is in relation to.

- East van Beaver?

- Mm hm.

- Is there still lighting up for two ball diamonds that don't exist there anymore?

- [Dan] Mm hm.

- Is the plan to just leave the lighting there, turn it on for ice skating in the winter time or something? Or are they gonna try and cannibalize that, and see if they can use that lighting someplace else?

- [Dan] Yeah, that lighting is really old. So if we were to be able to salvage anything, it would be just the fixtures. You can't salvage the poles because of how, those are wood poles. And so how those wood poles react when they're buried in soil, is the chemicals kind of leach out into the soil around it over time. And so if you pull those poles up and bury them somewhere else, there's no chemicals in the bottom portion of that pole anymore 'cause it's all kind of in this top soil in the original location. So what happens when you bury those old poles is they rot out very quickly and you have to replace them. So again, I would have to check the condition of those, of the lighting. Usually, that's a really old lighting system, so I doubt that there's much we would want to salvage out of there, but could we potentially?

- Are the plans to remove those lights then?

- [Dan] At some point. Yeah. Yes. The next one, any other questions in regards to... Next one is Perkins landscaping/disc golf improvements. This is in the natural area of Perkins Park. We've been talking about this for a number of years. It was drastically hit by emerald ash borer. We clear cut hundreds of trees out of there. It's fairly open right now. We're working with the neighborhood to implement a new planting plan and design for the disc golf course, because the old course relied on the tree placements as obstacles, and now that a lot of trees are gone, it doesn't function like it should. So we're re-engineering that. So the 50,000 will be the cost to relocate the disc golf, and then also to buy trees and prairie plants and stuff to revegetate that entire area. Perkins Shelter roof replacement. Again, that's another roof. We have a lot of roofs this year that just, it's just time, they just need to be replaced. Resch Aquatic Center air conditioning throughout the building. This would not really be the entire building. This would just be portions of it, just to keep the staff comfortable. If you've ever been in that concession stand or the offices or any of those areas, it is hot in those rooms. Really, they should have had air conditioning from day one. There's too much freezers and refrigerators in there to do it sufficiently with window air conditioners. We really need some sort of a full fledged HVAC system, kind of like a residential quality system. But yeah, they've been asking for that since day one, since we opened that facility. And with our staffing shortages, we're really trying to work with the staff to encourage them to want to work at our pools instead of work there for a few days and say, "It's way too hot, I'd rather work somewhere else." So that is in essence a summary of our project list for 2023 and kind of a brief synopsis of the whole picture. But I'd be happy to go over specific questions or, yeah?

- Yeah, Director. I know Farlin Park is not part of this because we're still, it has been referred to staff to consider ARPA. If an ARPA request for Farlin Park doesn't go through, could it then be included in the bonding request?

- [Dan] Then we could add it to the bond request. One thing that I'm working on right now, which is maybe taking a look at the ARPA requests that the Parks have done to date, and maybe create another ARPA request, to talk about maybe a different way of looking at Farlin, where we could bring in maybe some Community Development Block Grant Funding to help fund a portion of that, and then maybe bring in some ARPA dollars to maybe fund some of these other improvements that are on the Five Year CIP. I'm asking for 1.4 million over that. I know that typically Parks doesn't get anywhere near that. These are true needs for the Parks Department, and it's gonna be tough to narrow down this list because there's so many needs within our parks system. So I'm taking a look at maybe structuring another ARPA request that we can bring forward dealing with Farlin and maybe some of these other things.

- When do you anticipate that?

- [Dan] I would say in the next month or so. Yeah.

- Any other questions?

- I'm good.

- [Dan] Would you like me to talk about fleet and equipment too right away or hold on that?

- Let's stay with Parks, and then we'll jump to City Hall. We'll come back to City Hall

- Or I can do City Hall now, because there's no fleet or equipment with that.

- Sure. I'll scroll down a little further then.

- Just a few items. So go ahead.

- [Dan] Yeah, so City Hall, these are the same projects we've been talking about for multiple years. Priority one is the roof. That roof is really in need to be replaced entirely. We can't, I can't stress enough that we're kind of to that point where we can't really defer the roof replacement much longer. If you go up on the sixth floor, there are leaks all over. Once or twice a year I get a call from Mike Hronek because there's an equipment closet on the sixth floor, where water is seeping in and it's drenching that closet. And if we're not careful, we could damage a lot of IT equipment in there.

We patched it as much as we can. It's simply beyond patching. We have enough money currently in our City Hall Bonding to replace the roof on the penthouse. There's an existing penthouse that has a lot of the mechanical equipment in it, but that's all we have money for. And that is not going to take care of the problem with the leak in that closet. That leak is actually beyond that penthouse in the main area of the roof. We were thinking it was part of the threshold, but it's not, it's actually in the roof itself. So I would strongly recommend that we secure funding to replace that roof as its entirely for the 600,000. In fact, if you were to ask my recommendation of this and all of the park projects as a total, this would be probably my number one priority, just from a maintenance need, between this and all of our parks. That's how much it's getting to the point where we have to replace that roof. We've just deferred it for so many years.

- How many years have we put this off? I know last year we did.

- [Dan] We've put it off more years than that. I know we originally put some money aside in 2020 for it, but after we started researching it, we found out that wasn't nearly enough. So we've been asking for more money since. And even in 2020, that was beyond the age limit that Berners Schober and Associates recommended we should have had the roof replaced by then. So we're already beyond the recommendation that an architect gave us, well beyond. And like I said, this is one where, I know everybody wants to wait to see what happens with the larger study about maybe relocating City Hall or combining with Police and Fire. But this is one where you just have to make a decision on one way or another fairly soon. The rest are going in priorities by year. And so the next priority would be replacing the electrical service for 1.1 million. So the electrical service is in really rough condition. All of our panels and equipment are in the basement and they're original to the building. We can only upgrade them so much without having to replace the whole system. And in fact our main power source, this should be outside by code, but we're grandfathered in, and ours is in the basement in a room. And so it's a fairly substantial cost to get that out of the basement and put it outside where it should be. So again, that would be my number two priority, as far as the needs for City Hall. And then beyond that, mechanical needs to be replaced. Could that wait a little bit? Yes it could. That's why it's in future years. And then once you get past the electrical and mechanical, then every floor needs some major renovations, and so those are kind of broken down by years. So it's a large cost for City Hall. I think we have, what, 10 million in there for the next five years. I think the decision has to be made, what do we want do with City Hall? Do we want stay here or not? And if so, how much of this work do we want to do and do we want to renovate all the floors? But really, the roof and the electrical are kind of the number ones.

- And electrical has been pushed off a couple of times.

- [Dan] Yes, we've discussed all of these projects for several years now.

- It's 1.1 million. It seems to be a good process, but is that enough? Because I know for building and trades, there's just a shortage of skilled labor.

- [Dan] It was the last time we looked at it, but that was before all the cost increases went up. So if that's something that you seriously would like to fund, I can definitely look into that and get a more up to date cost. But this was before construction costs skyrocketed.

- That and just skilled labor, is the other piece too.

- Yeah.

- Just, residential, just my own property, trying to get an electrician in, .

- Yeah.

- It's crazy. Any questions, Alder Hutchison?

- No.

- [Dan] All right, fleet or equipment?

- Let's do equipment. Page 392 of the electronic document.

- And by the way, thank you for that, Director. In the, I don't know if the gentleman here know this, but I'm on page 13 with Director Ditscheit. So we're in the beginning, whatever was on the board view, or CivicClerk, we're right at the beginning, so page 13. So we are right at the beginning. Go ahead, Director.

- [Dan] Okay, so when we go through equipment here, I'll just give you a brief synopsis of each one and kind of the need for it And I'm really just gonna focus on 2023 for equipment replacement. In general, we look at our oldest equipment, what's breaking down the most, and that's where we put our highest priority for the year, current year. And then we forecast out future years. So in 2023 we do have a trailer for a Bobcat. And I believe, don't quote me on this, but I believe we're replacing an old trailer. Let me just see. Yeah, so the old trailer was bought in 2003, and it's just, it's in rough shape, and so we really need a new one to replace it. And we use it to transport all of our Bobcats from site to site. Then we go to a 16 foot gangmower with cab for $136,400. Those typically have a 10 year lifespan on those. And we bought that gangmower that we're replacing in 2013. So we're really at that 10 year lifespan. That particular unit that we're replacing, it's needed a lot of hydraulic work recently. We put some money into it just to squeak by for another year or two. But that one's really on its way out. It still runs, but it does break down a lot. Then we go to a 60-inch mower, where we're replacing Unit 107. That one was bought in 2005, so that one's nearly 18 years old now. We would replace that one with a 72-inch mower, similar to our other ones, if we were to get funding for this. Again, this was one that we quoted or we had in our bond request previous years. It was cut in the past. We'd like to replace this one if we could. Then we get to another 72-inch deck mower. That one we're replacing one that was bought in 2012. So again, it's nearing 10 years. Typically we try to put one or two of these mowers in our bond request every year, just to keep up with it, 'cause we have 12, 72-inch mowers in our equipment. So if we don't replace them every 10 to 12 years, it's gonna creep up on us and we don't want that to affect how often we can mow our facilities. Then we get to a Bobcat Loader for 67,000. That one is, will primarily be used by Forestry. They'll get large grapple hooks to pick up logs with it. Really the one that we're replacing is Unit 219, and that 219 is not very old, but what we found is it's not really big enough for our needs. So what we plan on doing is selling that one and we're pretty confident that we'll get about $25,000 for the sale of that one, and then we'll use that towards the purchase of this Bobcat Loader. So although we asked for 67,000, usually when we sell our equipment we get pennies on the dollar because it's so old. This is one where we might see a little bit of a return of investment on. But like I said, the one that we have right now is down a lot because it's just undersized, so it gets too much wear and tear for the use that it's getting. Then we get to a stump grinder for 88,500. We currently only have three stump grinders in our fleet tier. And right now, today, only one of them is working. So we're doing stump grinding right now. Stump grinders take a lot of abuse, they break down a lot. This one is a really an old one and we do need to replace it sooner than later, and this one would be one of our higher priorities for equipment replacement. Probably our highest priority is the stump grinder. Now, I believe when you read this over here, the description is long on the individual pages. It says in there that we are going to split the cost with Storm, and we are not. That is not what we're proposing. 'Cause if you recall, Forestry budget, it split 88% Storm and 12% City budget. We've had some internal discussions, how do we deal with the equipment and fleet replacements for Forestry? Do we do the split with Storm again when we're purchasing equipment and fleet? Internally, we decided to put that all towards City bonding and not charge the Storm account. So when you read over the actual descriptions on these individual pages, it's misworded. So it says in there that we'll split it, but we're not going to. At least that's not what what we're proposing. If you choose to do that, that's your discretion. But I do know that the Public Works Director did not build that into his Storm account to account for 88% of our Forestry equipment and fleet.

- Thank you. Any questions, comments?

- No.

- Next.

- [Dan] Okay. Then the fleet. We only have three items for fleet on our request for 2023. The first one is a box truck. We use that primarily at the Wildlife Sanctuary to haul brush, debris, other miscellaneous things. That's used on a daily basis. We are replacing Unit 22, which was bought in 2006. So it is getting fairly old. It does break down a lot. And that's one of our older box trucks. Then we get into, the next one is a 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup, Unit 27, for 52,500. That is used for plowing in the winter. So we'll attach a plow to it, and then in the summer we put a trailer behind it and haul stuff, haul Bobcats and other equipment. Again, that one's a fairly old unit. That one says, like I said, that one was bought in 2006. So that one breaks down a lot also. And then the last one is really kind of a big hit for the budget here. And that's a 70 foot aerial truck. That is one of the large boom trucks that Forestry uses to really get up high to a tree to do the pruning and cutting safely. It's probably our highest priority for the fleet replacements. And we only have, I believe we only have two trucks. And they're both getting pretty old. And the problem with this, with these Forestry trucks, is it's kind of like a fire truck. It just takes years to actually get. So what I'm being told is, after we place an order, it'll be maybe three to four years before we actually see it here in City Hall. So if we wait until the truck breaks down, we're down to one truck for our entire Forestry Department. So it's really kind of timely. That's a really old one. We really kind of have to think ahead on this one, since the lead times are so long. If you look at 2027, we also have the other one slated for 2027. So that's a summary of the fleet. And again, we're not splitting this between Storm. This is all City Bonding.

- Questions from the committee? Thank you, Director.

- You're welcome.

- Appreciate it.

- With this one, I think I would suggest going to the Police Department.

- All right. Chief Davis, if you can hear me, we're ready for you.

- And I'm ready for you, sir.

- All right.

- All right. So I'll just go right down the list, and just like Director Ditscheit, stop me if there's anything you have questions about as we go here. So a lot of things that you'll see on our Capital Improvement Plan have to do with facilities and vehicles. This first item here is asbestos removal in the basement of the Police Department building. This is related to the locker room renovations and shower repairs. We know, because of the age of that facility, that there is asbestos in there that will need to be abated as part of the work that needs to be done down there. There's still asbestos pipe linings and those kind of things. I'll skip to the locker room and shower repairs, because those are related. Obviously this is an aging building, that it's, those facilities have reached the end of their lives. Locker rooms in a 24/7 operation are used pretty hard anyway and they are not in good shape. The backup power generator is another thing, that if we're gonna be staying on line, is reaching end of its life. We just had to replace a motherboard on that piece of equipment. And of course in a Police Department, maintaining uninterrupted power in power outages is critical because it's a piece of critical infrastructure. The building entry system is a fairly important security upgrade. Currently what we do is we have cipher code locks with a four digit code on every door. And whenever we have an employee who leaves our employment, through retirement or whatever reason, we have to go around and change all of those. It's very inefficient, and it's really not working very well for us. And you don't have any control over who gets that code. You tell everyone not to give it out, but it's much riskier than just an ID card based entry system. And so that's a pretty important security upgrade that we need for our facility. And so that covers the facility needs. I'll stop there for any questions.

- [Bill] Sure, Chief, the backup generator, the one that's currently there is the size of a small truck, isn't it that green one in the garage?

- Yes.

- [Bill] Is that the current generator? And when I started at the department, it was already almost 30 years old. And we were told at that time that, when we started, that it was designed to provide all the power for the PD and City Hall should the power ever fail. Where would you be putting the new one if you get one?

- I think it will depend on what backup generator technology looks like. But the plan A would be to put it right where the old one is.

- [Bill] And then the locker rooms, are you looking mostly at the female locker room or the males that would be getting the bulk of the renovations?

- It's both.

- [Bill] Are you expanding the female locker room at all, or do they still have enough room?

- For now they have enough room. That could change, however.

- [Bill] All right, thank you.

- Sure.

- [Jesse] Alder Hutchison? Any questions?

- No.

- [Jesse] Chief Davis, you can go onto the next part.

- And then in equipment replacement, this is all stuff that we replace on a regular basis. Handheld radios, I'll start with those. We regularly replace a number of those so that as they age out we have new ones. It's a regular replacement item. Just to put that in some context, handheld radios are very expensive. Those are about $4,500 a piece, and so it would be just impractical to try and replace them all at once. And so we have them on a rotation. Mobile radios are the ones in cars, and that's the same situation as with handheld radios. And then, this radio repeater actually is something that needs to go in the Police Department, because there are sections of the building where radios do not have reception, which is a problem if one gets a call when they're in one of those areas that their radio may not work. And then the security camera replacement, this is another one of those things that we do on a regular basis for different security cameras, deployable cameras that we can put out in the community when we're asked to put up cameras to deal with crime problems or an uptick in issues in a certain neighborhood.

- [Jesse] Chief, the body cameras, would this be the section that we would normally see the body cameras?

- I believe that is in a different section, and that should be coming up.

- [Jesse] Okay.

- [Diana] I'm actually gonna correct you. In the previous one, the packet that you would've seen two weeks ago, the body cameras were in this section, it's actually on, still my printed version, the body cameras were on this line item. But we have moved that to the operating budget. So at this point, because each individual is at $5,000, and it's two things, it's a lease, so it really should not be in a capital improvement, and we should not be bonding for it. And second, according to our Capitalization Policy, which I did include in the packet, it would not qualify for a capital improvement item. So we did move it in to the operating budget. So we did take it off of here, 'cause it really doesn't qualify as a capital item. In total, the purchase itself, it's over $500,000 on an annual basis. But again it's a lease, and so we shouldn't be bonding for it, and it doesn't actually meet the qualification of a capital item.

- [Jesse] Attorney Bungert, just stop me if I'm violating any open meeting stuff regarding that agenda item, but if we do not approve it, the budget, for standard tax levy this year, what are our options for paying for the body cameras?

- [Diana] Again, our Assistant Finance Director did say last year, we paid for it with the ARPA funding. So year one was a small amount and we used operating budget. Last year we used ARPA funding. And this year it really does not belong in a bonding item.

- [Jesse] Fair enough. Yeah. I know, I'm not trying to trap you into an answer. I'm just curious, because if it's not in bonding, and we don't have the financial resources when we discuss the budget, it'd be nice to know what our other options are to fund body cameras. Any questions before the Chief goes to the next section? All right, go ahead, Chief.

- All right. The bulk of our requests, numbers wise, are obviously gonna be in this fleet replacement category. This looks more daunting than it is. A lot of these are marked patrol cars. So all these replacement squads are just over the Five Year Plan to replace our patrol vehicles. There are a couple of things to point out on here. These box trucks are intended for specialty units, like the SWAT team and the crisis negotiation team. We're currently using what are called 1033 vehicles, or Military surplus. They're not Military vehicles. They look like ice cream trucks, but those obviously don't live forever, and so we would need to replace them. And this more expensive one is a SWAT vehicle that is used to carry equipment for the SWAT team. This command bus, this is a mobile command, so it's a motor home that's marked, and it's outfitted with radio equipment and computer ware that we use to manage large events. This piece of equipment, or something to perform this work, is gonna be really important to us as we build out our critical incident command program. We'll be making some changes to the way we deploy for mostly SWAT, emergency SWAT calls, and planned SWAT missions, where we're moving to some best practices in terms of how to manage those. And so you need a command post area, someplace inside out of the weather to put your incident commander, and then your team commanders for the SWAT team, the negotiations team, and then any operational support or investigations people. We have one of these right now, and it's currently costing us between 10 and $15,000 a year in repairs because of its age and it very often is not deployable because it's broken down and so it's reached the end of its life. Next is for our animal control officer. And then again you see a whole bunch of replacement squad cars. Lots and lots of these, because it's basically every car in the fleet.

- [Jesse] Chief, in regards to the police cars, I just recently heard that the order that we submitted and bonded for probably won't be fulfilled this year due to vendor issues. There's a backlog in manufacture of the cars. Is there a concern if we bond for cars this coming year, kind of similar to Director Ditscheit, that we might have to wait a few years to get them?

- Yes, I'm very concerned about that. And we're looking at different options for how to deal with that. We are currently going through a marked patrol vehicle in about three years, which is on the short end for police vehicle fleets. Really you should be able to get four or five years. But that's a symptom of a vehicle fleet that is too small for the demand. And so we're getting to 100,000 miles on these cars in three years and then you reach the point where the cost of ownership of the car becomes more than it's worth, basically, and you're actually saving money by replacing a car. And this shortage of vehicles is going to cause us problems with that, because we will be keeping vehicles in the fleet longer than we really should. And I do expect that to impact our vehicle maintenance cost, at least I would say probably in the next couple years, optimistically, until the supply chain rights itself. A little bit of uncertainty in that situation is we're looking for other options for different types of vehicles that are maybe a little more available, but there just aren't, other than Ford, there aren't a lot of manufacturers out there. Ford and Dodge really are the main manufacturers, and to a lesser extent

General Motors, and I think we're seeing the same thing with a lot of those. But long answer to a pretty specific question. But yeah, that is going to be a problem for us.

- [Jesse] So Director Ellenbecker, when we bonded for the police cars last year, that was a five year bond issue or was it 10? I forget.

- [Diana] It was a five year.

- [Jesse] So the situation that we're facing with not getting the cars this year is that we did still bond the money. So we're paying interest on the bond issue, I don't know if interest is the right word, but we're paying that financial costs on the dollars that we bonded, but we're still not getting the cars. So it's like a whole year of, 'cause normally we're bonding for five years on a car that lasts three. Now we're bonding for five years for car we're only gonna use for two. So it's problematic if we bond for all, 'cause we still need to put the purchase order to the manufacturer or they're not gonna take it seriously if we don't pay for them. Any comment from a financial standpoint?

- [Diana] Well again, part of the problem, like you said, it's kind of the situation we talked about with the Director earlier also is that, we have to know that the funding is available for us to put the purchase order in. So the purchase order was put in. We got the 2022 equipment approved, so we put the purchase order in. After the fact it appears that that is questionable whether or not we will get that one. That money, again, is, we have it in the bank, we're earning some interest on the front end, because it's the savings, of course we are paying interest on the loan itself for the bonding. I'm not sure how else you would do that, unless you, you still have to obligate, you have to say that the Council is willing to obligate the dollars so that you can put the purchase order in. We did not anticipate that this purchase order, it's something new, it's something that I don't, in the 10 years I've been here, that we've never had where we put purchase order in for this type of equipment and it came back and said, oh, they might not have enough, "And now we're gonna fulfill your purchase order." This is something new we haven't experienced before.

- [Jesse] Yeah, I don't know how we, what the answer is, it sort of, it stinks all the way around.

- [Diana] Right.

- [Jesse] So it's no one's fault, it's just the circumstances of things.

- And Alder Brunette, once we do get the car, it'll just be a year or two late. It'll still last for three years. It just, we're putting off when we get it. And the other problem is that it will throw off our normal vehicle replacement schedule, and we're just gonna have to figure out how to make that all work.

- [Jesse] Yeah, I know. That's why the focus or the push is to pay for as much of this on the front end so we don't that interest expense we'll be facing this year.

- Yeah.

- [Jesse] Anyways. Any questions from the committee for the Chief? Do you have another section, Chief Davis?

- [Diana] Nope, that would be it for the Police Department.

- [Jesse] All right. Last call. Anybody for Chief Davis? Chief, I think we're done with you for now.

- Thank you very much.

- [Jesse] Yes sir. Thank you. All right. Transit.

- [Diana] Director Ditscheit, did you have something else?

- [Dan] Yeah, I just have one thing to add quick before we go to Transit. One thing I forgot to mention is, and I talked to the Director about this, is we forgot to add one item to our equipment list and that was when we did our ARPA request for snow making equipment, we asked for $500,000, and we mentioned at that time that it was actually a $600,000 project and we would have to bond for the other 100,000. So that 100,000 would be to buy a used piece of snow grooming equipment. So in essence it's a large tractor that can groom the snow without packing. So the ARPA request was approved after we submitted the initial request and it was just an oversight. So I would respectfully like to add that to the request.

- Thanks for pointing that out. Okay, Transit.

- I will talk about the Transit item. The Director of Transit had asked if she needed to be here, but I have a follow up from her today that the $200,000 that's in there for 2024, at this point it can be either pushed off or removed. There is enough money in the capital account that we maintain and usually pay the city or the city's share of the buses to cover the ones that were for 2024. So at this point we aren't looking for anything for 2023. Items for 2024 either can be removed and or pushed back. So at this point there's no request for Transit. So we'll either revise that, get more details, but at this point there's no current request for the Transit.

- Okay.

- Then we will also go to, I will go to, we have TIFs. The request for Shipyard Phase 2, and I'm sorry, actually that still should be Phase 1. I apologize, the first line, we still have an additional request for some money for the Shipyard Phase 1. I am actually going to, that is going to be an additional request Complete Phase 1, and that is just based off some recommendations from the development team. So you're looking at $3.5 million. Again, that would be TIF funded. That would pay all debt for that project. And then there is an additional request for some money for the Shipyard Phase 2, and right now that is pushed off until potentially 2024 and 2025.

- Now, from my understanding when we pass this in a week, we talked about it a couple different times, but wasn't this like a PayGo TIF, that as we generate taxable property, that that would pay down the TIF?

- It would, the majority of, there is right now, some of the large, the one large development agreement that we have is the Merge Development Agreement, and that is, it just has been pushed back a little up longer than we had expected, but we're still moving forward. We actually did that. I think the Attorney is just working on another amendment for the Merge agreement. It's still moving forward. So that is one way that there is some, that money would come in and help pay for this project. There was actually also some other transfer from other TIFs to come into this, to TID 22, to help cover some of these front end costs. This is one of the exceptions, that this TID is one of them that is going to cost the city more money up front because it is property that we've owned and we're making the improvements on it.

- So this is the length of the development, this is the length of the, all the bonding we'll have for this particular stretch of TIF-

- That is what we have, that is as far along-

- That's what we've accrued?

- As we have been projecting, correct. And the only one other item that is in this book, and it's also gonna be a very quick discussion. They're on the Clerk/Treasurers line. There was some discussion years ago whether or not the city was gonna have to help pay for the replacement of the DS200s, for the tabulators. And so this is an item that we just keep pushing out. At this point there's no immediate need, so that there's a figure out there. Not sure if we are gonna need that, so we can just keep it on the radar, and until we have immediate need, we're not moving it into any, the '23 or '24. That hasn't been confirmed or locked in at this point. But we didn't want to lose sight of it either, that there might be a chance that we would have to help pay for the replacement of some of those tabulators in the years to come.

- So the county would, is it the county or some sort of state program for, who else would pay for them?

- I would say it's the County.

- County. Right.

- The County actually owns the current tabulators. We own the DS450s that were used, we were using election grant money to have purchased. But the current 44 DS200s, is currently owned by the County and we pay for the maintenance. That would take care of all the items in the CIP 2023 through 2027.

- Any questions from the committee? Alder Steuer, any? Okay. We're good? All right, well thank you for that. That wasn't so bad. A lot of dollars, but, . Do we need to take action on this? Or it's just a receive and place on file? What have we done?

- Yes, that would be the appropriate-

- So moved.

- Second.

- A motion by Galvin, second by Hutchison, to receive and place on file. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Item four, for consideration with possible action, Resolution requesting Brown County share its sales and use tax revenue. Alder Galvin or Attorney Bungert, who wants to set this one up?

- Well I'll set it up again. When the County was pushing us hard for the city to agree to this, the County Exec, Mr. Streckenbach, and the Head of the County Board, Patrick Buckley, called me several times, talked to me, explaining what their project was to get my buy-in, although I would imagine they called the other alders too. And at that time I asked both of them that if sometime in the future when their project had been paid off, would they consider continuing the 1/2 cent sales tax, and then figure out a way of revenue sharing that with all the municipalities within Brown County. They told me, obviously, they didn't agree to it, but they said that's something that could be looked at in the future. As I saw in the news that the County decided to extend the 1/2 cent sales tax, I thought, hey, wait a minute, let's see if we can get on board with this and make everybody just a lot happier within the County. So that's where it's at.

- And for the sake of those watching, in the agenda pack is the actual resolution that I'm assuming our Law Department drafted. Attorney Bungert, if you want to-

- Crash-

- Real quick, what I'll say from, as a member of the Committee and Council, when I originally kind of thought about this, it would be how can we ensure that the City of Green Bay would get the fair share of Brown County expenditures? Like for example, libraries, the human service building they maintain downtown, like all the revenue of the museum, all the other cultural entities and roads and whatever, that the County projects would benefit Green Bay. I notice the resolution's just a little different in that it kind of requests equitable distribution of county dollars to the municipality of Green Bay. So I'm not saying that's right, wrong, or different, that that resolution is different.

- Right. The resolution isn't structured to be asking for specific dollar amounts. It's essentially just requesting that, or bringing up the statutory authority that does lay with the county, that they do have the authority to be able to share and it cites other counties that do share with their municipalities, and just basically bringing that forward as a resolution to the County for consideration, as how that gets distributed, and how all that gets allocated, and what would be the matters of interest in something that the county board would pursue. It's within their authority and their scope.

- Questions? Comments? All right. We need a motion on this.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- A motion by Galvin, second by Hutchison. Other discussion, any comments, questions? Okay. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Next, that's it. Report out on the results of the natural gas two-year agreement with Twin Eagle.

- Yes. I'm actually gonna turn this over to our Procurement Manager, Tom Walenski. And this is an item that we had brought to you a couple meetings ago. Just talked about how we were ending a three-year agreement with Twin Eagle, which helps us buy therms at a discounted price. And so we now have signed in a two-year agreement. You gave the Procurement Manager the opportunity to sign it when he worked with the vendor and tried to find it at the lowest possible price in a period of time. Tom, are you on the line?

- [Jesse] He is on mute, but he is there.

- [Diana] You're still muted.

- [Tom] Yeah, I'm here.

- [Jesse] All right.

- [Diana] Thank you. Any questions in particular for Tom on how this went? Any questions about the agreement?

- [Jesse]] I do. Tom, this is Alderman Brunette. When we had, when I looked at the budget, I noticed there was an additional expense for natural gas or gas this coming year. And my understanding when we enter into these contracts, that the rate that we would obtain fuel was basically set. Could you kind of walk through that? I'm trying to understand that process.

- Yeah, we were locked into a 30 month contract, so there's seven days left on that. So as of October 31st we had to enter into a new contract. And we buy that off the state contract. So Twin Eagle is our consultant on that. So they manage that account, and we have a gentleman representative there, Michael English, who monitors the gas for us and stuff. So we started monitoring this back in April. And believe it or not, around September 30th was the first time it came below where it was on April 12th of this year. So we had monitored it for like six months. But as you know, it's a commodity, it's a daily thing. So it's very volatile right now. So we were trying to figure out when we could get the best price locked in before the current contract expires.

- [Jesse] Okay. Any questions?

- [Bill] No, I commend him for his, that you've been looking at this for six months and you were able to nail it just a week within the contract expiring. So well done. And I like the fact that you've worked in there, that if the price drops enough, that we're able to renegotiate with the company too.

- Yeah, and natural gas used to be one of the most stable commodities up before 2019. So the last contract we locked in, we were at 350 a dekatherm, which was a very good price. Since then it's gone crazy, and you know all the different variables that are causing that, the war and some of the other stuff. But there's also a supply that's leaving the United States right now going to Europe, and that's creating a price spike for us here, locally, domestically. So there's a lot of things going on with that market. So it went from one of the most stable markets to one of the most volatile in the last two years.

- [Jesse]] Well good work. This is just a report out, so there's no action taken on that. Thank you. And thanks for sticking around as long as you have. Appreciate it.

- [Diana] Thank you, Tom.

- [Jesse] Next item is 2022 Contingency Account, again, informational. We are at $184,297. Unobligated is 57,297. Then the next Finance meeting is part of the Joint Finance and Personnel, which is budget related, on November 3rd. Okay, motion to adjourn?

- Motion to adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn by Galvin.

- Second.

- Second by Hutchison. All those in favor say aye?

- [Alders] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you, everyone.