

Members Present: Sloan, Kent, Petty

Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Nelson, Adm. Bradley, Clerk Zeman, J. Ostrander, T. Pinion, Seth Meise

Call to Order –Ald. Sloan called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

- a) **Accounts Payable** – Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council approval of the accounts payable for **\$1,000,261.48**. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) **Line of Credit** – J. Ostrander explained that this is a \$750,000 line of credit that we must renew every 5 years. We borrow the money so that we can put it on our debt service, so we can put it on our levy. We turn around and pay it off in January. This is the lease payment for the Public Safety/Administration building. This renews our agreement with the bank to continue to do this for the next five years, currently paying .55% interest. Motion by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council authorizing a \$750,000 Line of Credit with the Baraboo State Bank for the Public Safety/Administration building lease payment. Motion carried unanimously.

- c) **TID 9 Termination** – J. Ostrander explained that we are closing TID #9; any expenditures must be done by December 31, 2022. This TID was originally created for the old Ringling Hospital. With the closing of this TID, our overall value will decrease. Motion by Kent, seconded by Petty to recommend to Council authorizing Termination of Tax Incremental District (TID) #9 effective March 22, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

- d) **Hwy 33 Access** – T. Pinion explained that back in 1991, the DOT came through as part of the Hwy 33 resurfacing project acquired access rights; the Jackson farm was entitled to one single access point. From a public safety standpoint, and because of the current developments, it is not a good idea to put in upwards of 300 dwelling units with a single point of access. The State was petitioned to allow two access points which requires the negotiation of a memorandum of agreement with the DOT to alter the access. The results of these negotiations is they have allowed four access points within the City limits on the south side of Hwy 33: two to the property west of us, one to the property east of us, and one for us. The agreement before the Committee tonight allows us two access points, with the west access being right-in/right-out only, and we will have to do an appraisal to determine the value of the second access point and reimburse the State. Motion by Kent, seconded by Petty to amend the resolution to state “Approving the State/Municipal Agreement between the City of Baraboo and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Regarding Changes in Access/Intersection Reconstruction” and to recommend to Council authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Wisconsin for access on State Highway 33. Motion carried unanimously.

- e) **Reimbursement of Expenditures** – J. Ostrander noted that this resolution is to let everyone know that when we borrow funds for this project, we will be paying for some of these costs up front and that we will need to reimburse ourselves. Motion by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing for the Fire/EMS Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

- f) **Baraboo Transit** – J. Ostrander informed the committee that because of COVID-19 and the lower ridership with the Baraboo Transit Shared Ride program, we are proposing that we take our shortfall out of ARPA funds. We did not get the State CARES funding as we have in the past and because of this, and the decrease in ridership, we have a shortfall for 2021. Ald. Kent requests that this item be brought back to the committee for review of alternative options for providing this service. Motion by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council the transfer of \$40,097.15 from ARPA funds into the Shared Ride Taxi Fund to cover the 2021 local share. Motion carried unanimously.

- g) **Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Regional Airport** – Adm. Bradley noted that this is being presented based on discussions from Council’s Committee of the Whole and would start the process of withdrawing from the airport. If accepted, it would become effective immediately; however, we are still on the hook for the end of the year financially for what we are committed to for 2022. Part of the original agreement is if anyone backs out, you surrender your rights and forfeit your equity. Motion by Kent, seconded by Petty to recommend to Council withdrawing from the Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Regional Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment – Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty and carried to adjourn at 6:40pm.
Brenda Zeman, City Clerk