

Members Present: Sloan, Kent, Petty

Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Nelson, Adm. Bradley, Clerk Zeman, J. Ostrander, M. Hardy, Karen DeSanto, Greg Sammow

Call to Order –Ald. Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:45p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the agenda should be amended to be “Exemption from County Library Tax for 2023” and J. Ostrander asked that the “Purchase Shared Ride Taxi Vans” be moved to first under Discussion Items. Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to approve the amended 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 **\$320,857.92**. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) **2023 Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Fees and Charges** – M. Hardy explained that as part of the departmental budget, they annually review the fees and charges. Changes for 2023 include a 3% increase in the Civic Center lease fees, City employees will have free membership to the weight room, a slight increase to parks shelters, and due to the increase of pool staff wages, a slight increase in pool passes. As of now, they are unsure if the City will be able to offer swimming lessons due to the difficulty of getting instructors. Items they hope to increase for next year are the “Behind the Scenes” and private tours. Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Council for approval of the 2023 Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department fees and Charges. Motion carried unanimously.

- c) **2023 Boys & Girls Club of Baraboo-Sauk County Lease** – M. Hardy explained that we are currently charging 20% of what the rent would be, with an 80% subsidy. The Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed different subsidies for this lease and essentially, they recommended the Boys & Girls Club lease increase to 35% with the City subsidizing 65%. Ald. Kent feels while this program is hard for some to afford, it’s life changing for the kids that attend; It is a very important program. While he understands the percentage increase across the board, the Boys & Girls Club is receiving a significant increase for next year. M. Hardy explained how the lease payments are calculated, based on the \$8.45 per square foot. The rent is not going up, the amount the Parks & Recreation Department is able to forgive is going down. Ald. Petty notes that there is additional spaced used by the Boys & Girls club that is currently not being charged for and not available to other lessees. The Committee agrees that this is a good program; however, any changes made at this point would require M. Hardy to make cuts somewhere else in his budget. Moved by Petty, seconded by Sloan to recommend to Common Council on approving the Boys & Girls Club lease with the Civic Center at 65% subsidy. Motion carried 2 Ayes, 1 Nay (Kent)

- d) **2023 Baraboo Areas Senior Citizens Organization Lease** – M. Hardy explained that this organization also received the 3% across the board increase as well as the decrease in subsidy paid by the City to 65%. The Parks & Recreation Commission recommended keeping the lease subsidy the same. Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Common Council on approving the Baraboo Area Senior Citizens Organization lease with the Civic Center at 65% subsidy. Motion carried unanimously.

- e) **2023 Stage III Lease** – M. Hardy noted that this has always been subsidized at 50% because they do partner with our recreation program. They have a storage room, a classroom, and a stage that is available to other renters. It was the recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Commission to keep this at 50%. Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent to recommend to Common Council on approving the request to subsize Stage III Theater for Youth lease of the Civic Center by 50%. Motion carried unanimously.

- f) **2023 Pierce Park Lease** – M. Hardy explained that this is the first year that the Parks & Recreation Commission has recommended charging them rent on this building. Because of the grant agreement, the City is only allowed to rent this out for 6-months of the year. For the past 25 years or so, the Hockey Association has rented it from the City at no cost; just utilities. Because of the age of the building, summer rental of the pavilion is not favorable. Back in May they were looking at \$500 per month rent for the 6-months based on the utilities paid during the summer months. The Parks & Recreation Commission recommended going with ½ of this, or

a \$250 per month rental rate. Motion by Kent, seconded by Petty to recommend to Common Council on approving the Pierce Park Pavilion to the Baraboo Thunderbird Youth Hockey Association for October 15, 2022-April 15, 2023 at a rate of \$250.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

- g) **County Library Tax** - The Committee reviewed the exemption from the County Library tax. Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty to recommend to Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Purchase Shared Ride Taxi Vans – J. Ostrander provided an update on the purchase of three taxi vans. The cost of the vans is \$195,000; we will receive \$156,000 through the state grant leaving the City responsible for \$39,000. We currently have \$29,000 available for capital equipment. With the funds from selling the vehicles, we should have the money for this purchase. As of now, ridership is still down. From her estimates, we are going to be about \$35,000 short which could be made up using ARPA funds.

Update on Preliminary 2023 Budget – No discussion took place. This update will be provided at Council.

Discuss Options for Broadcasting the City Council Meetings – No discussion took place. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Purchasing Policy – No discussion took place; the Committee will continue to review this at future meetings.

Adjournment – Moved by Kent, seconded by Petty and carried to adjourn at 6:52pm.
Brenda Zeman, City Clerk