

City of Beaver Dam
Joint Administrative and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2017

Chairperson Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were, Burnett, Flaherty and Anderson. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Mayor Glewen, City Attorney Schacht, Alderpersons, Loizzo, Morgan, and Ballweg, several department heads, Craig Warnbold (WBEV/WXRO) and Ben Reuter (Daily Citizen). Hansen and Appenfeldt were absent and excused. Alderperson Ballweg stated that a quorum of the members of the Operations Committee were not present and the committee could not be called to order. Chairperson Davidson stated that the members of the Administrative committee would welcome the input of the Operations Committee members in attendance.

City Attorney Schacht made some opening comments cautioning alderpersons to be careful of conflict of interest when proposing changes to the budget where businesses they have a pecuniary interest in may be affected. Schacht also asked that Department heads be given the opportunity to give their input while the committee discusses items in the department's respective budgets.

Chairperson Davidson asked Director Somers to give the committee an update on the status of the proposed 2018 budget including the changes made at the October 23rd meeting. Somers explained that the City did receive confirmation of the health insurance rates from Dean Health which would result in a cost reduction of \$115,000 should the City accept the proposal. If this change and the changes made at the October 23rd meeting are taken into account the proposed 2018 budget is now compliant with the State imposed levy limits but still not compliant with the State Expenditure Restraint program guidelines. Somers recommended using short-term borrowing to fund a portion of the capital outlay requests as a way to make the proposed budget compliant with the ERP. Somers stated that at this time the budget calls for a tax levy increase of 4.95% and a \$10.25 mill rate. The committee continued their review of the proposed 2018 budget and following discussion with various department heads the following action was taken:

- Motion by Anderson, second by Burnett to remove the Emergency Management request for \$15,500 for an aerial drone, carried by acclamation.
- Motion by Anderson, to reduce the DPW Department request for \$30,000 for the purchase of a replacement pickup truck failed due to lack of a second to the motion.
- Motion by Anderson, second by Burnett to remove the Library request for a City funded purchase of a Tattle Tape Gate security system, carried by a vote of 3 ayes and 1 no (Flaherty).
- Motion by Anderson, second by Flaherty to reduce the request for tourism and marketing funds from \$20,000 to \$10,000, carried by a vote of 2 ayes, 1 no (Hansen) and 1 abstention (Davidson).
- Motion by Anderson, second by Flaherty to recommend approval of the proposed 2018 Budget including the changes made at both the October 23rd and 30th budget review meetings; changing employee health insurance providers to Dean Health plan with the plan design identified as Plan 2-3 and 2-4, and funding a portion of the capital outlay requests with short term borrowing, carried by acclamation.

Motion by Flaherty, second by Burnett to adjourn at 8:20 pm, carried by acclamation.

Submitted by:
John Somers
Recording Secretary