

Finance Committee

Mon, May 22, 2023, 5:30PM • 4:49

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:00

All right. Good evening, everyone. Call this meeting to order of the Finance Committee on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:30pm. We'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

All 00:12

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:26

All right. Then we'll move into roll call of membership. We have Alders Croatt and Fenton are excused. All other members of the committee are present.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:38

Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting 23-0604.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:43

Move for approval of both.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:45

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:46

All right, so we have a motion to approve both minutes. Any comments or questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes three zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:59

We have no public hearings or appearances so we will move on to action items starting with 23-0563 requests to approve the following 2023 budget amendment to add \$22,040 to the hazardous materials fund for vehicles and fund for vehicles and to add \$20,040 to the Central Equipment Agency fund for sales of city property to record Hazardous Materials Fund's purchase of a vehicle from CEA (two thirds vote Council required).

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:29

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:30

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:31

All right. Motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All of those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions. Motion passes three to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:44

The next item is 23-0567 request to award the city of Appleton's 2023 masonry repairs project contract to masonry restoration incorporated in the amount not to--the amount of \$162,675 with a contingency of \$15,000 for a project total not to exceed \$177,675.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:08

Move to approve.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:09

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:10

Alright. Motion and a second. Any comments or questions on that? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes three to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:23

Last Action item on the agenda is 23-0603 request to approve cash advance from stormwater utility fund to wastewater utility fund in an amount not to exceed \$3 million to replace issuance of long-term revenue bonds in 2023.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:39

Move for approval.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:41

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:41

Motion and a second. Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:44

Thank you, chair. May I direct to Director Ohman? Director Ohman, can you--I want to be sure I'm understanding this correctly. Are you saying that we only need a small amount of money during 2023 and this would basically be a bridge loan between the two utility pots of money, the funds, and then those funds will be paid back later when we go out for the larger amount of money in 2024. Is that correct?

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 03:13

Director one.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:14

Yep, you're on.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 03:15

That is correct. When analyzing the projects and when we could expect cash disbursements, we determined that the full \$9.5 million that we had budgeted for in 2023 would not be needed. So, because we were looking at a smaller amount of \$3 million, our debt advisor, advise us to look at short term loan options instead, so that we could pay reduced fees. So, we're looking at advancing cash from one fund to another in order to avoid all fees and then once we issue the revenue bonds in 2024, we'll take the proceeds to pay back whatever we end up borrowing from the stormwater fund.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:54

And this will be a one-to-one inter inter-departmental or inter inter-funds transfer without any need for interest or anything else between the different utility funds.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 04:08

That is correct.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:09

Excellent.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 04:09

Within the city, we don't charge interest when it's one fund to another.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:13

Excellent. This sounds like a great idea. Thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:16

Thank you. Anyone else? All right, seeing none, we can go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes three, zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:28

We have two information items on the agenda, so I'll ask if anyone has any comments or questions on either of these items. All right. Seeing none. Item eight.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:39

Moved to adjourn.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:41

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:41

Alright. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? We are adjourned. Good night, everyone.