

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS CITY COUNCIL  
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
8:00 AM  
Committee Room – City Hall**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Shimulunas at 8:15 AM.

**Roll Call**

Personnel & Finance Committee Members present were: Mark Bittner, Bonnie Shimulunas and Adam Wachowski. Also present were Finance Director Kassie Paider, Fire Chief Dave Murack, P-T Fire Consultant and Firefighter Bill Manis and Gregory Buckley, City Manager.

**Review of Fire and EMS Proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Chief Murack and Mr. Manis presented the proposed 2025 Fire and Emergency Medical Services Budgets, consisting of the following:

Fire Administration	\$ 646,206	Up 9.33% over 2024
Firefighters	\$ 1,888,824	Up 3.48% over 2024
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 438,595	Down 4.23% from 2024
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,973,622</b>	<b>Up 3.45% over 2024</b>

There was discussion regarding the revenue potential for providing service to nearby rural areas of the county, like the current arrangement with the Village of Kellnersville. The Chief also reported on a proposed new agreement with Manitowoc County, regarding City of Two Rivers taking responsibility for opening the radiological reception center at the County Highway shops on STH 310 for drills and practices and in the event of any actual emergencies. This contract will be presented to the Council at an upcoming meeting and provides for a monthly payment to the City of \$1,000, plus reimbursement of actual personnel costs incurred.

Adam Wachowski left the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Chief Murack and Mr. Manis also presented the proposed 2025 capital budget for Fire and EMS, as well as a CIP for years 2026-2028. Capital funding requests for 2025 total \$112,500 and include:

Turnout gear replacement	\$10,000
APX dual band radio replacement	7,500
Repair/renovate station bathrooms, Using in-house staff	15,000
Loose Equipment for new Engine 8 (to be delivered in 2026)	50,000
Rescue Jet Ski	30,000

Committee members present expressed their support for the operating budgets as presented, and for the proposed capital program. The City Manager noted that the replacement pumper identified as Engine 8, authorized for

purchase earlier this year, will be an \$850,000 outlay in 2026. Chief Murack also noted that he proposes the purchase of a used ambulance in 2026, to replace the oldest of the TRFD's four ambulances. The box from that used unit could then be mounted on a new chassis in few years, as is being done in 2024 with the used ambulance purchased a few years ago from a Madison area EMS service—this has proven to be much more cost-effective than purchasing a brand-new ambulance.

### **Further Review of 2025 Special Revenue and Capital Funds Budgets**

Further review of these budgets was deferred to a future meeting.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Mr. Buckley noted that the Personnel and Finance Committee and the City Manager Recruitment/Selection Committee are slated to meet at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6 to interview consultants for City Manager recruitment and selection.

In addition, there is a joint meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committee and the Utilities Committee scheduled for 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 7, to review the 2025 budgets for the various utilities.

### **Adjournment**

Bittner moved, supported by Shimulunas, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM. Motion carried by voice vote, without dissent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Greg Buckley  
City Manager