



## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, AT 5:30 PM

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094**

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Finance Committee members present: Mayor Stocks, Alderpersons Berg, Davis, Smith

Others present: Finance Director Stevens, Fire Chief Reynen, Police Chief Brower, Lisa Schwartz, Attorney Panagopoulos (video)

1. Mayor Stocks called the meeting to order at 5:3 p.m.
2. The Finance Committee minutes from March 23 were presented. Ald. Berg moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, to approve. Unanimously approved.
3. A request was made to request approval for the addition to the pay table for the position of **Facilities Maintenance Technician at City Hall**. The departure of an employee prompted a review of the job duties and a submission to McGrath Consulting. Ald. Smith made the motion, seconded by Ald. Berg, to authorize to an addition to the pay table at Grade 130. Unanimously approved.
4. Mr. Stevens presented the request to contract with **Baker Tilly for auditing services** for 2025–2029. He explained that the firm continues to provide valuable historical context to the City's financial practices, and that a staffing vacancy left insufficient capacity to issue and review an RFP. Ald. Davis moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Ald. Smith. The motion passed 3–1 (Berg). Ald. Berg requested that an RFP be pursued during the next bidding cycle.
5. Competitive bids were received for the **City Hall boiler plant replacement**. It is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend that the City execute a contract with Butters-Fetig as the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$412,000. Moved by Ald. Davis, seconded by Ald. Smith, and unanimously approved.
6. Ald. Berg moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, to enter **closed session** per 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" (**R.S.**). Unanimously approved through roll call vote.
7. After reconvening into open session, Ald. Davis moved, seconded by Ald. Berg, to approve the **hiring of Ryan Schmidt for Park, Rec, and Forestry Director** at G/S 170A. Approved unanimously.
8. Ald. Davis moved, seconded by Ald. Smith, to enter **closed session** per 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" (**2026 Compression Pay Methodology and Payments**). Unanimously approved through roll call vote.
9. After reconvening into open session, no action was taken on 2026 compression payments. Ald. Davis moved, supported by Ald. Smith, to have the City Attorney and Finance Director revise the **compression policy** in a future Finance Committee meeting. Approved unanimously.
10. Ald. Davis, seconded by Ald. Berg, moved to adjourn the Finance Committee at 7:40 p.m., and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stevens, Finance Director

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.