



**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023, AT 5:30 PM**

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

Members present: Mayor McFarland, Alderpersons Bartz, Davis, Lampe, and Moldenhauer

Others present: Finance Director Stevens, Attorney Chesebro, Fire Chief Teesch, Street Operations Manager Winkelman, Assistant Engineer Beyer, Andrea Peters

1. Call to order. Mayor McFarland called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.
2. Fire Chief Teesch presented an agreement with the **towns of Emmet, Milford, Shields, and Watertown to provide EMS services** in 2024. Ald. Moldenhauer, seconded by Ald. Davis, moved to send a recommendation to the Council for approval. Approved by voice vote.
3. A Water Department hire request was not made, so no action was taken.
4. Street Operations Manager Winkelman presented a request to **purchase a one-ton dump truck** from Badger Chevy (Lake Mills) for \$80,600 [\$37,500 from 05-54-11-70 and \$43,100 from 17-58-17-60]. The \$5,600 amount over the approved budget will be posted in Fund 17 [Solid Waste] where funds are available due to underspending of other purchases. Ald. Lampe made the motion, supported by Ald. Bartz, to proceed. Approved by voice vote.
5. Ms. Peters presented a summary list of **EMS billing that is uncollectible** (deceased or determined uncollectible by WI DOR). Ald. Lampe moved to approve the write-off request, seconded by Ald. Davis. Approved by voice vote.
6. Assistant Engineer Beyer provided an **update on the Masonic Temple stabilization project**. One bid was received from McMullen & Pitz Construction Co, a specialist with this type of work, for \$1,782,525 for the first of two phases of work. This is less than the State of WI's earmark of \$2 million.
7. Ald. Moldenhauer moved, supported by Ald. Bartz, to convene into **closed session** per Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel of the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (**T. Wall Enterprises**). The committee unanimously approved to move to closed session per roll call vote.
8. The committee reconvened into open session.
9. Adjournment. Ald. Lampe moved to adjourn at 5:53 pm, seconded by Ald. Bartz, and 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.