

**CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 7, 2009 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the finance committee was held Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021

Call to order/Roll call: Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Mark Huber, Julie Arndtson, Clair Eaton, Marissa Holst and Peter Kelly. Eddy Wuorenma arrived at 6:10 p.m. City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh, Police Chief Mike Bondarenko, Fire & EMS Chief Bill Dravis and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Arndtson/Kelly motion to approve the minutes for September 30, 2009 passed without a negative voice vote.

Cable Commissioner Dallas Eggers and Cable Coordinator presented the 2010 cable budget. None of the revenue for cable comes from real estate taxes it is generated by franchise fees. There are currently 52% of the homes in Prescott that have cable. There was a question on the amount of funds that are being carried in the fund balance. Eggers explained that if the referendum is passed for the school district they have plans to help build a performance area at the school.

Chief of Police Mike Bondarenko presented the Police Department budget for 2010. Line items have been adjusted to bring the budget to a zero percent increase. In order to achieve the zero percent increase goal and absorb projected wage and insurance increases, it was necessary to reduce overtime wages \$3,000, part-time patrol wages \$7,000, clothing allowance \$1,000, patrol training \$1,275 and park patrol wages \$500. Reductions were also made in projected fuel and energy expenditures. Part-time administrative assistant wages were reduced by \$4,910. Patrol vehicle repair and maintenance was increase by \$6,000 due to the purchasing of used patrol cars. Wish list item for the police department would be to restore the \$3000 to the overtime budget, purchase 2 bullet proof vests at the cost of \$2,000 and replace the carpet at the police department. The committee also discussed the parking enforcement officer position. Bondarenko estimates the cost of having the position at \$5,400 for 2010. The position would enforce snow parking, boat launch, downtown parking and parking throughout the city. It was the consensus of the committee to increase the revenue for parking tickets to cover this position.

Fire and EMS Chief Bill Dravis presented the Fire and EMS budget for 2010. There will be a decrease in the city side of the fire budget of \$2,994 and a decrease in the EMS side of \$2,258. This is due the reallocation of the budgets due to per capita amounts. 51% of the EMS budget is covered by tax levy and 74% of the Fire budget is covered by tax levy. The association is looking at 1% decrease in fire department revenues and a 7% decrease in EMS revenues from Lifequest because of the economy. Items for the wish list include \$11,000 to replace 20 pagers in both departments, \$18,000 for 30 sets of protective

clothing for EMS, \$47,040 for 24 sets of turn out gear for the Fire Department, \$15,000 for an air fill station for the Fire Department. Second priority wish list items would be \$16,000 to upgrade two defibrillators, \$9,000 for the purchase of a new power cot and \$3,150 for 5 new SCBA bottles.

Kelly/Arndtson motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Brand